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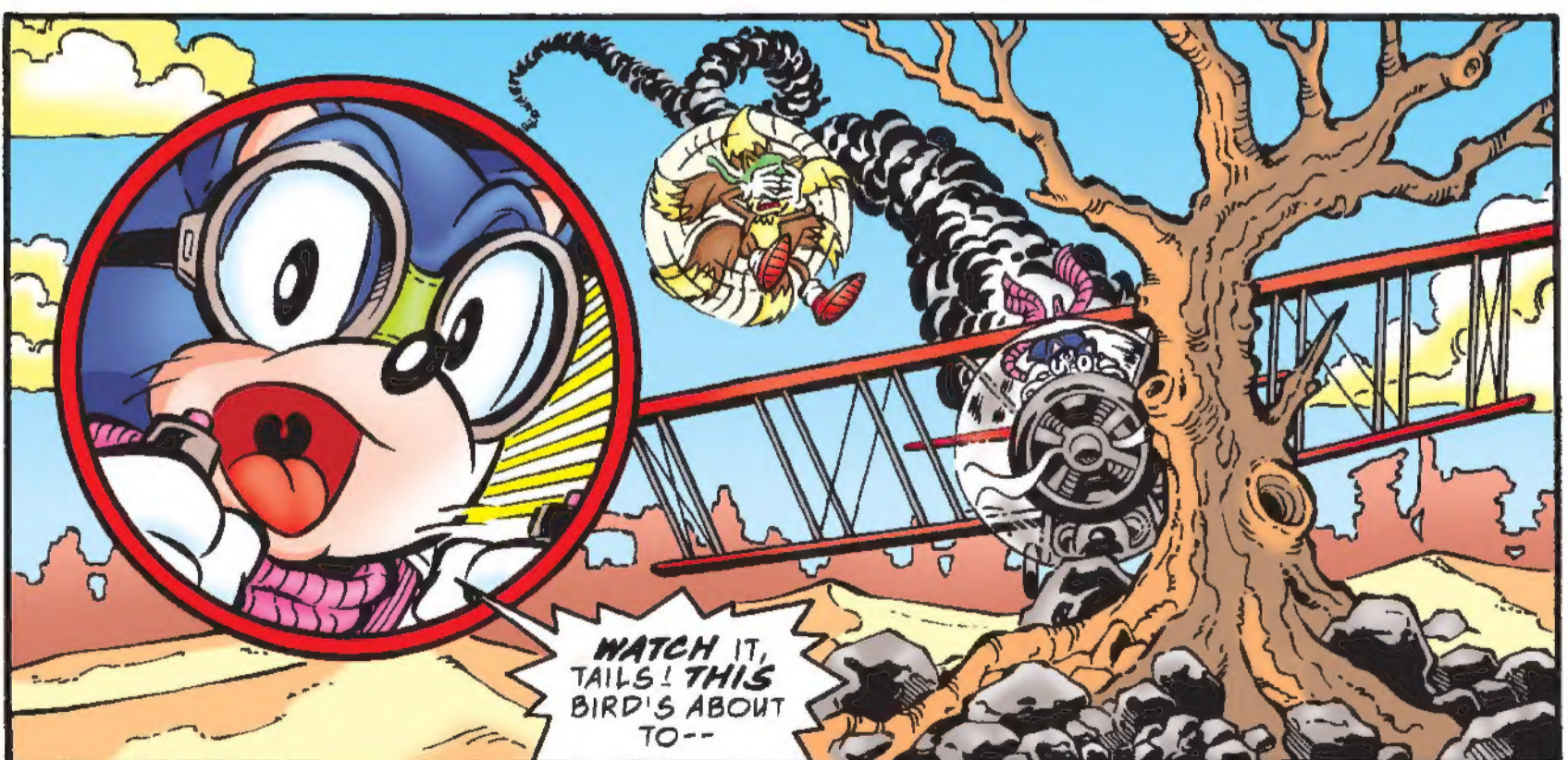
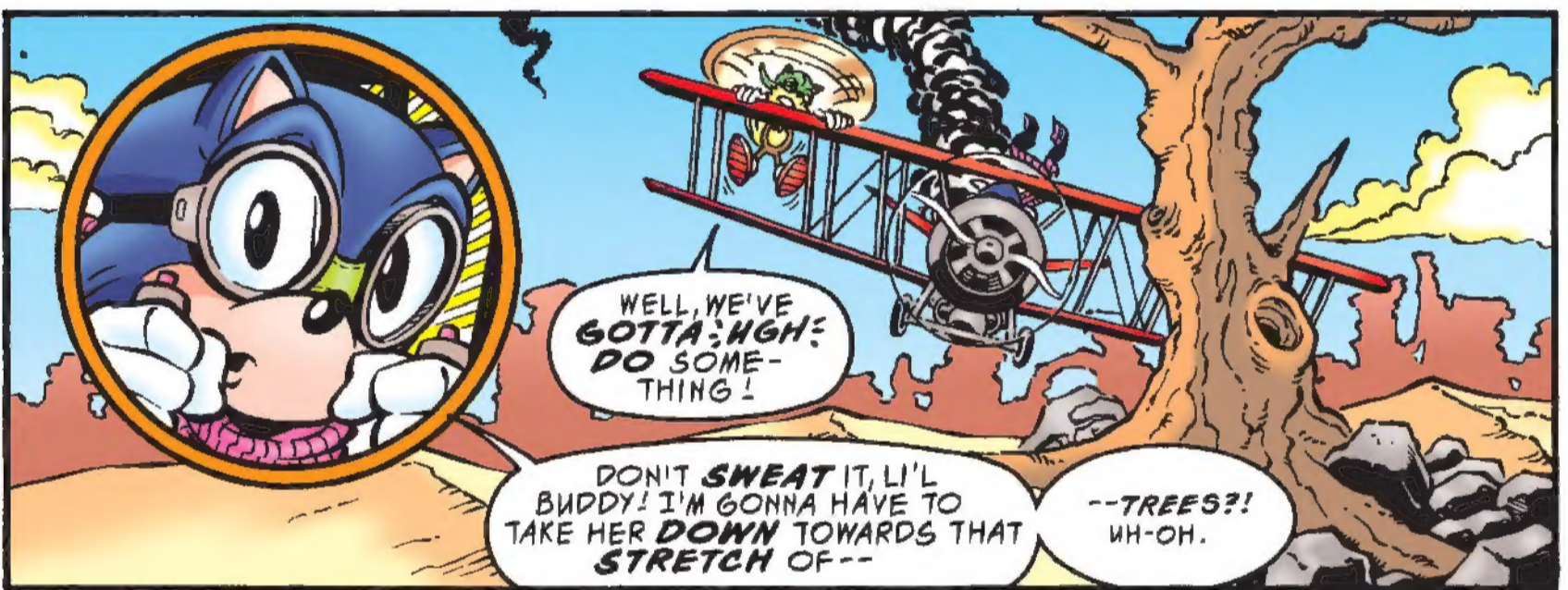
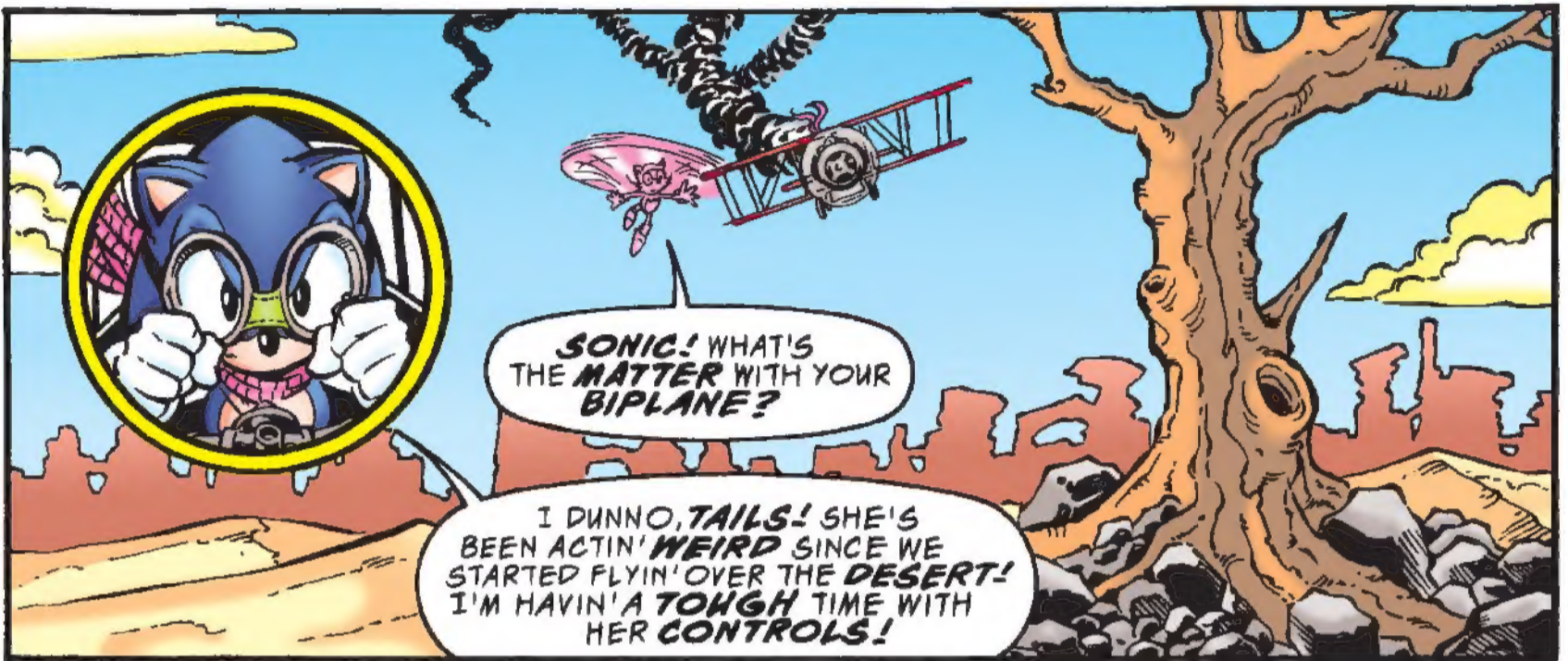
SONIC

GEHOG™



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ART.

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR AN HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



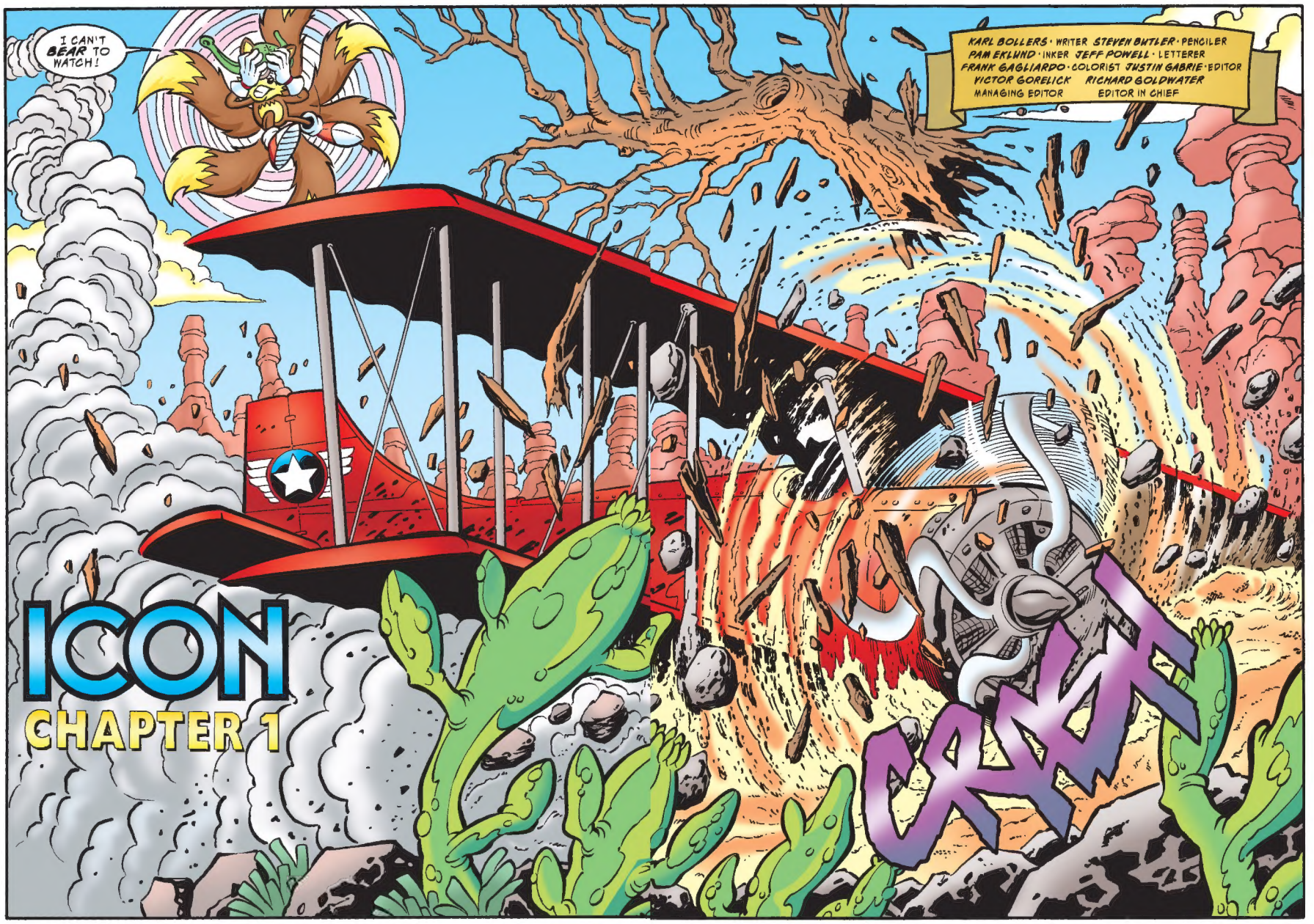
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BEAR TO
WATCH!

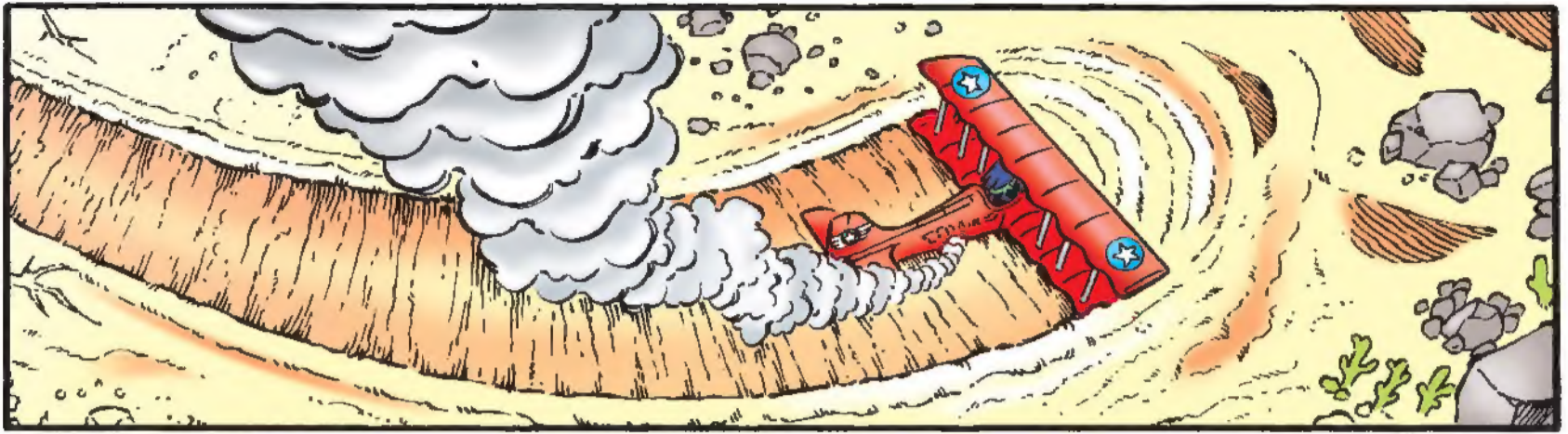
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CHAPTER 1

CRASH



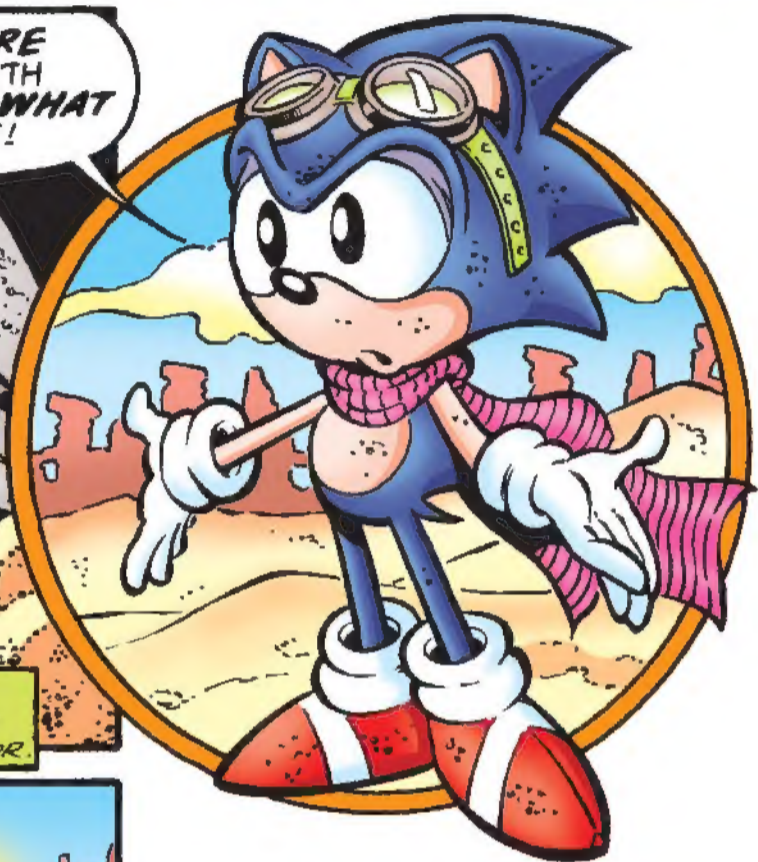


WOW! SONIC! THAT LANDING WAS ACES!

THANKS, PAL...

... BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE, WHAT'S WRONG WITH "WINGED VICTORY", OR WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO TO FIX IT!

*sonic's bi-plane -EDITOR



LOOK! SOMEBODY'S COMING OVER THE HORIZON! THEY MUST HAVE SEEN YOU GO DOWN!

I SURE HOPE THEY'RE--

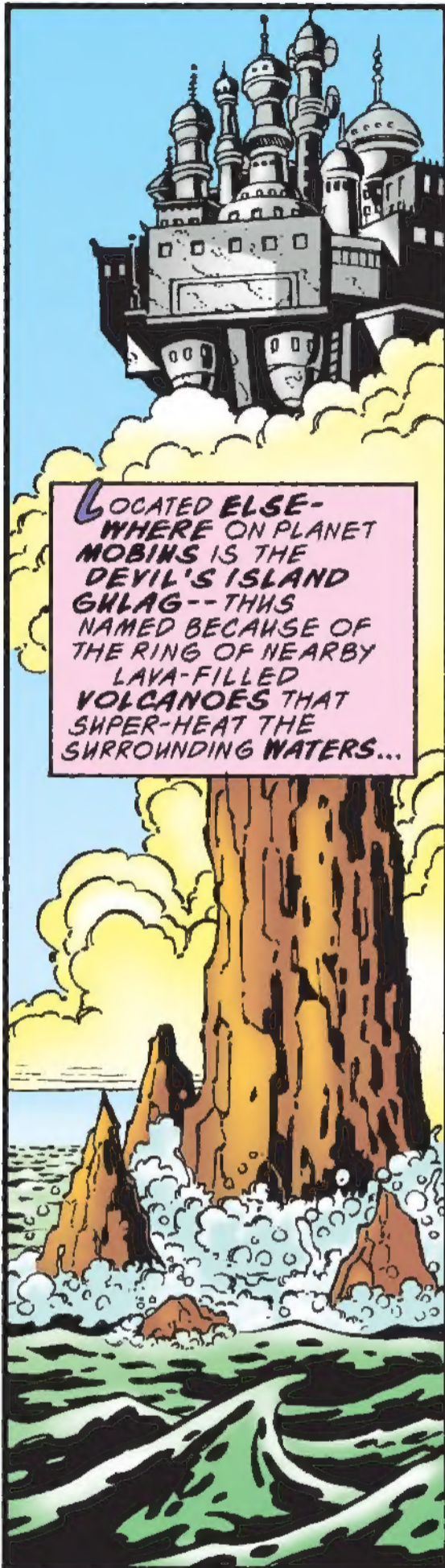
---HELP--- FRIENDLY!

DON'T PANIC! WE'LL STAND OUR GROUND IF WE HAVE TO!

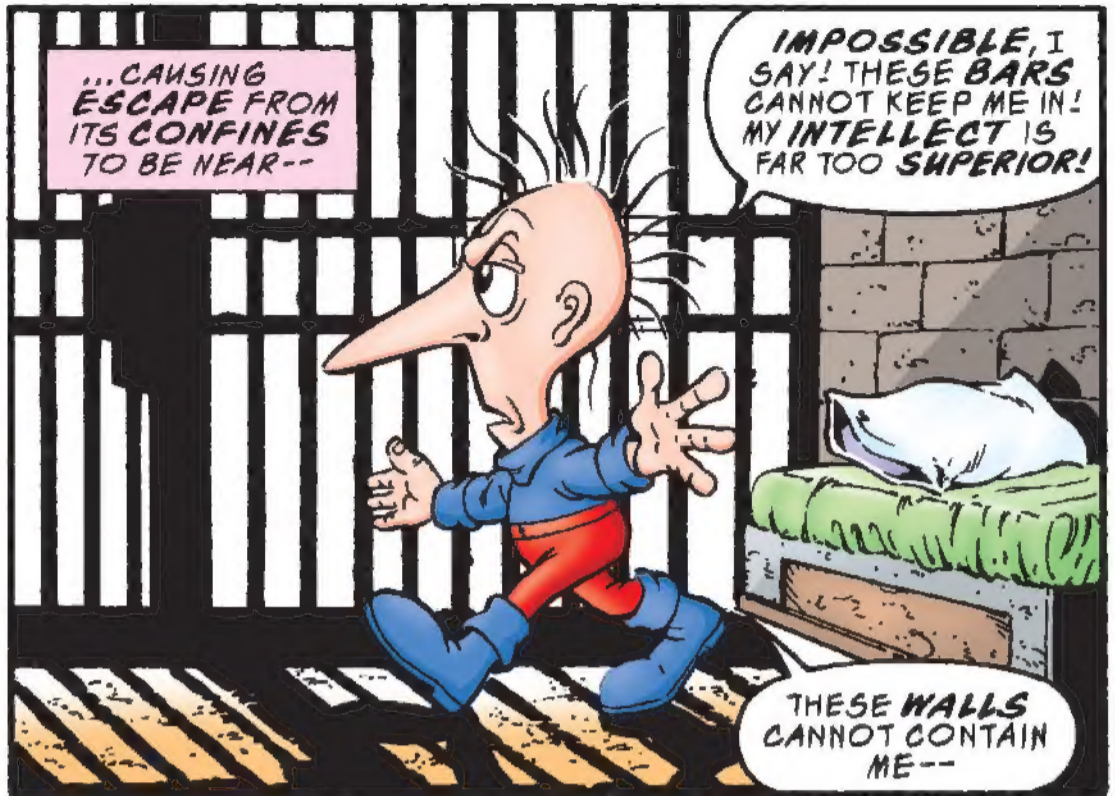
HURRY, SONIC! WE GOTTA HUSTLE!

WE DON'T GOT MUCH TIME!

HUH?!



LOCATED ELSEWHERE ON PLANET MOBINS IS THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GHLAG-- THIS NAMED BECAUSE OF THE RING OF NEARBY LAVA-FILLED VOLCANOES THAT SUPER-HEAT THE SURROUNDING WATERS...



...CAUSING ESCAPE FROM ITS CONFINES TO BE NEAR--

IMPOSSIBLE, I SAY! THESE BARS CANNOT KEEP ME IN! MY INTELLECT IS FAR TOO SUPERIOR!

THESE WALLS CANNOT CONTAIN ME--



BECAUSE YOUR HEAD'S TOO SWOLLEN!

HAHA!

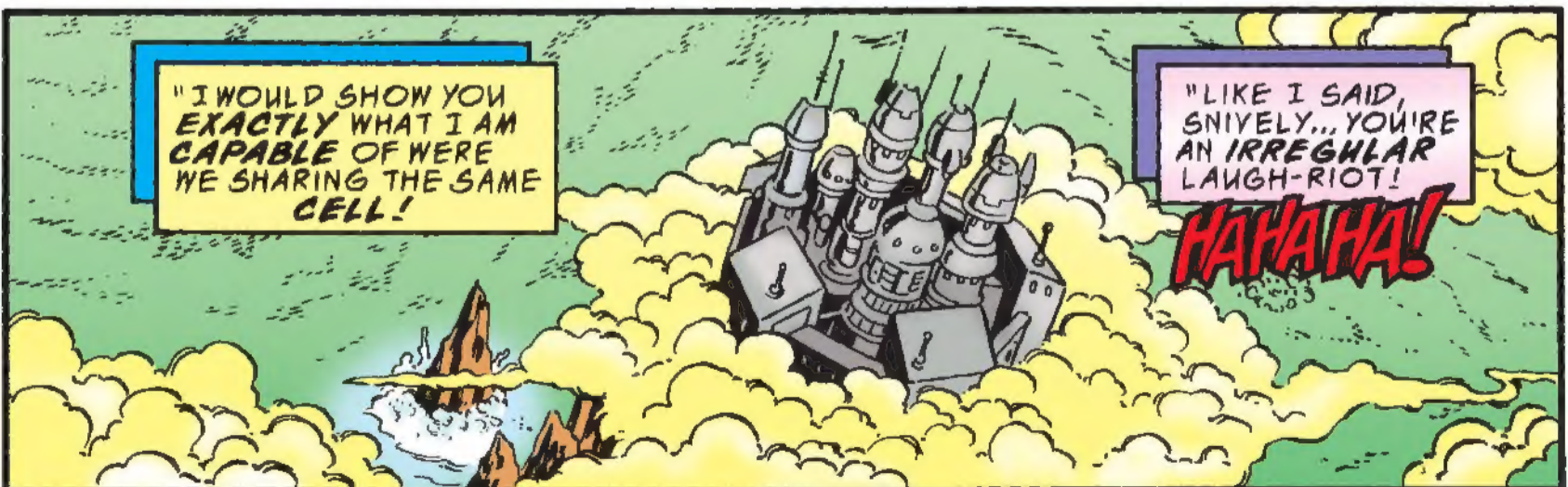
I TELL YA, SNIVELY... I'M CONVINCED YOU WERE WASTIN' YOUR TRUE TALENTS BACK WHEN YOU WERE ROBOTNIK'S FLUNKY!



YOU SHOULDA BEEN A STAND-UP COMEDIAN INSTEAD!

MOCK ME IF YOU WILL, DRAGO! YOU WILL BE LAUGHING OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR MOUTH WHEN I AM A FREE MAN AND YOU ARE NOT!

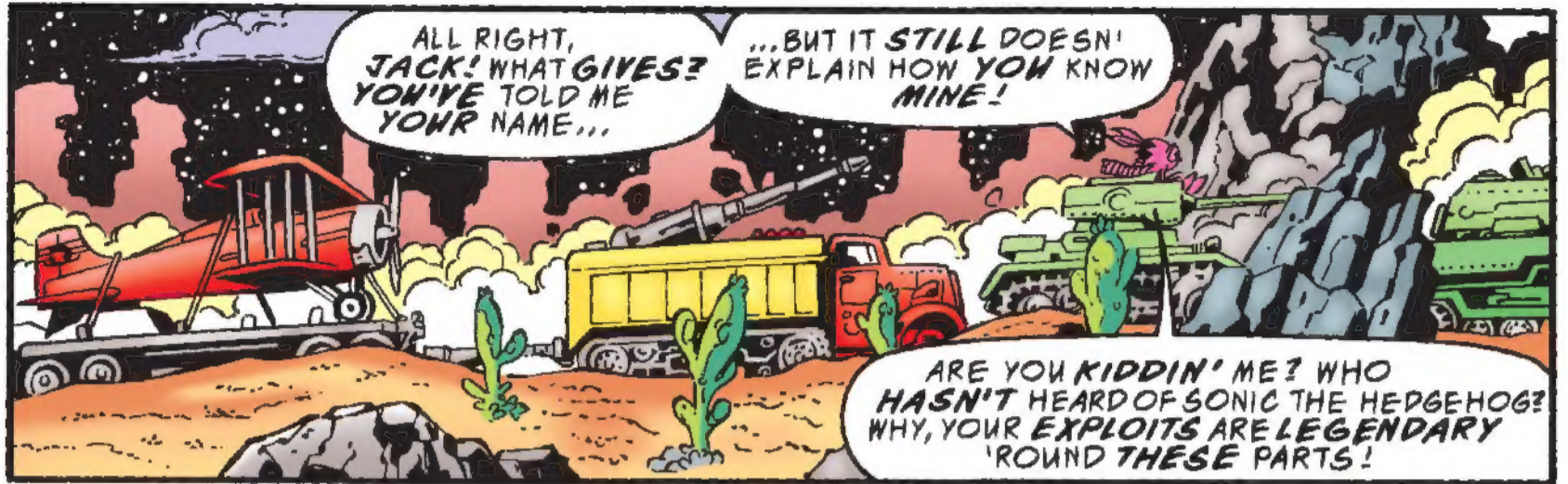
NOT ONLY HAVE I BEEN EXERCISING MY MIND, I HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING THE SAME TO MY BODY!



"I WOULD SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF WERE WE SHARING THE SAME CELL!"

"LIKE I SAID, SNIVELY... YOU'RE AN IRREGHLAR LAUGH-RIOT!"

HAAAAHA!



ALL RIGHT, JACK! WHAT GIVES? YOU'VE TOLD ME YOUR NAME...

...BUT IT STILL DOESN' EXPLAIN HOW YOU KNOW MINE!

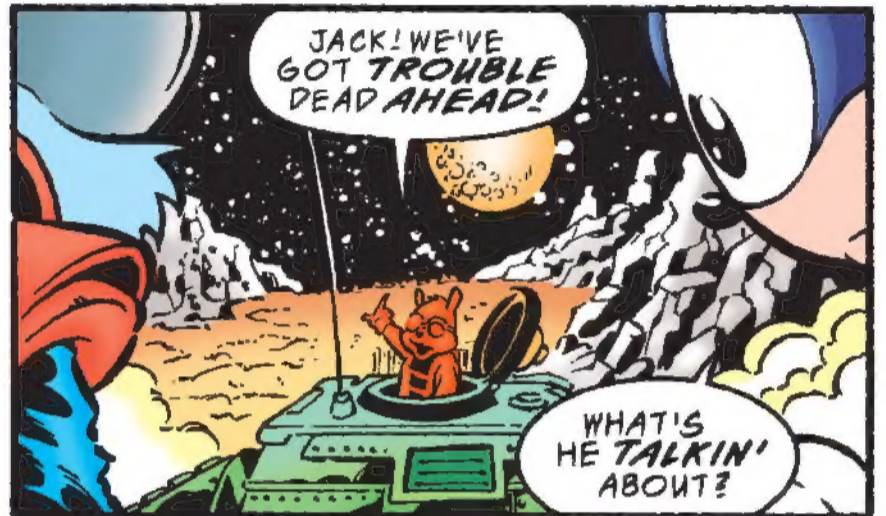
ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME? WHO HASN'T HEARD OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG? WHY, YOUR EXPLOITS ARE LEGENDARY 'ROUND THESE PARTS!



ROBOTNIK'S *SUB-BOSS*ES USED TO RUN THE *SHOW* OUT HERE, BUT ONCE YOU BEAT THE BIG MAN HIMSELF* WE *SAND-BLASTER*S WERE INSPIRED TO TRY THE SAME *MOVE*!

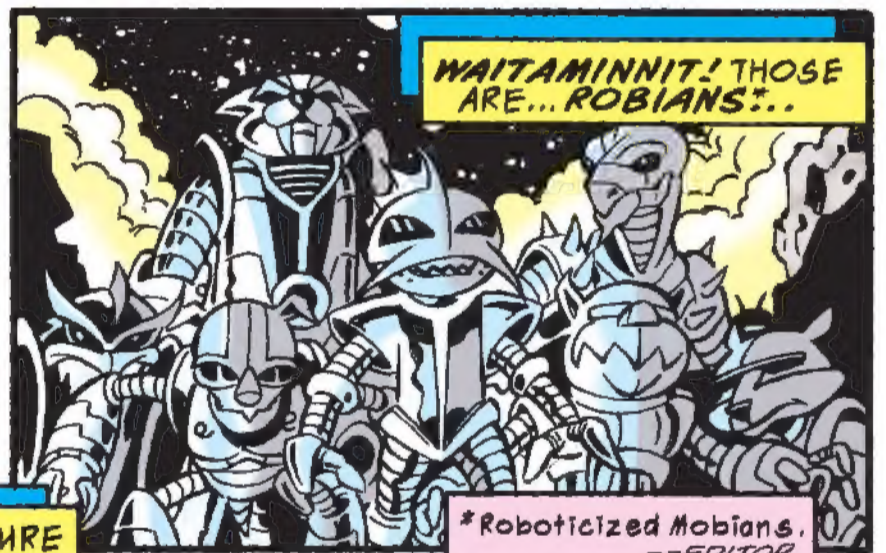
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW-- IT WORKED!

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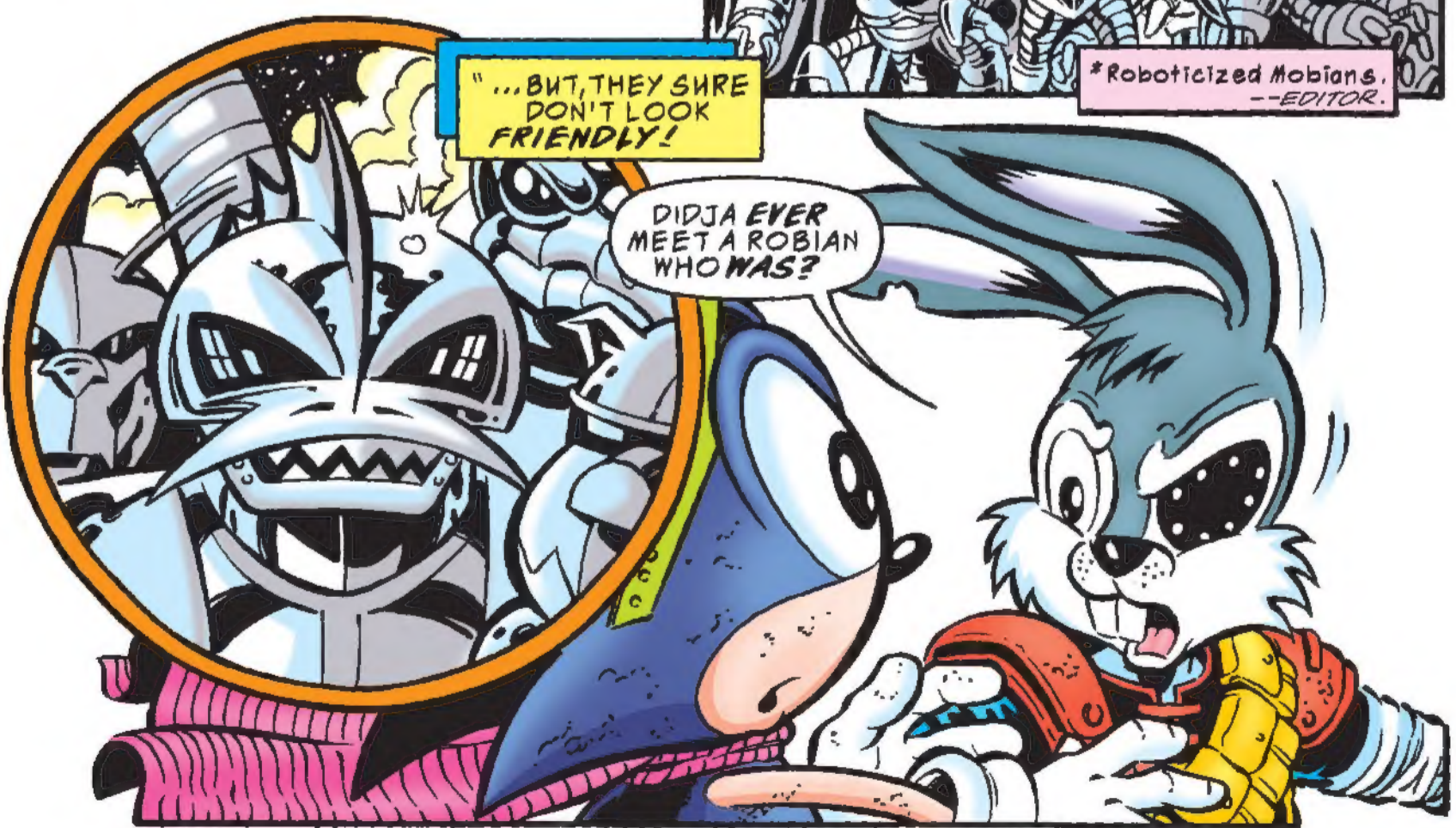
JACK! WE'VE GOT TROUBLE DEAD AHEAD!

WHAT'S HE TALKIN' ABOUT?



WAITAMINNIT! THOSE ARE... ROBIANS*..

* Roboticized Mobians. --EDITOR.



"...BUT, THEY SURE DON'T LOOK FRIENDLY!"

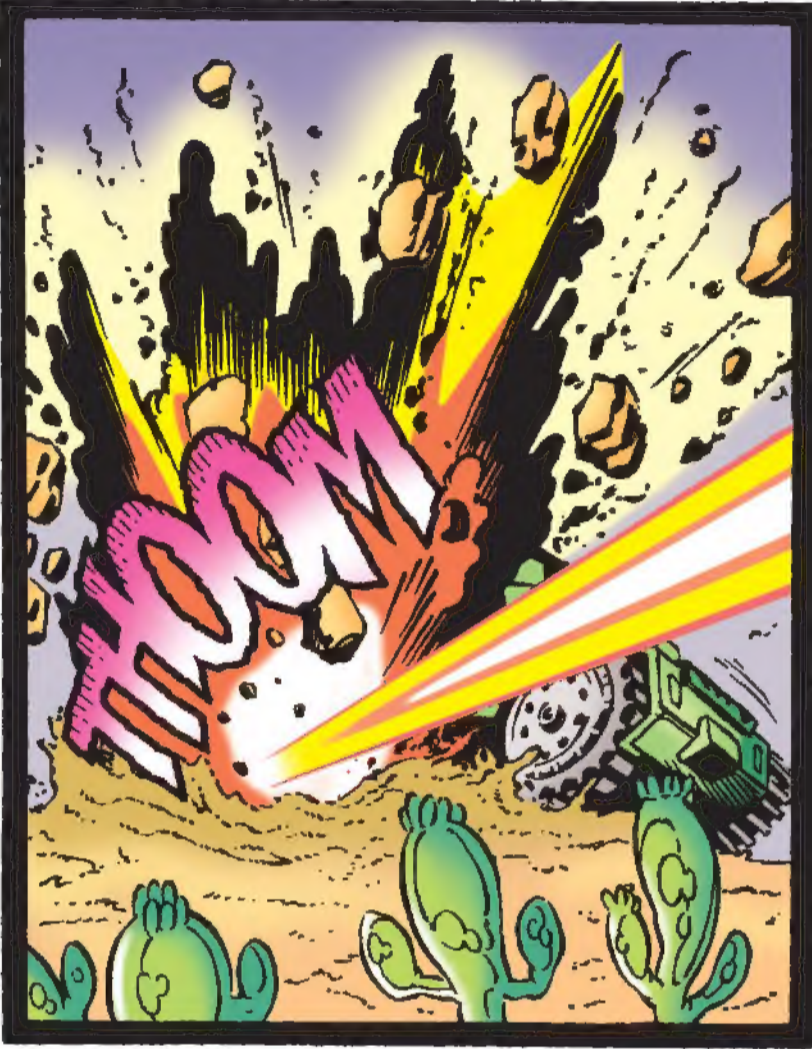
DIDJA EVER MEET A ROBIAN WHO WAS?

"AS A MATTER
O' FACT..."

...YEAH!"

BUT THEY **SHRE**
DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT!
IT'S THEIR EYES --
WHAT'S UP WITH THE
CREEPY GLOW?

*Sonic's parents, as well as
his uncle, are Robians. -ED.

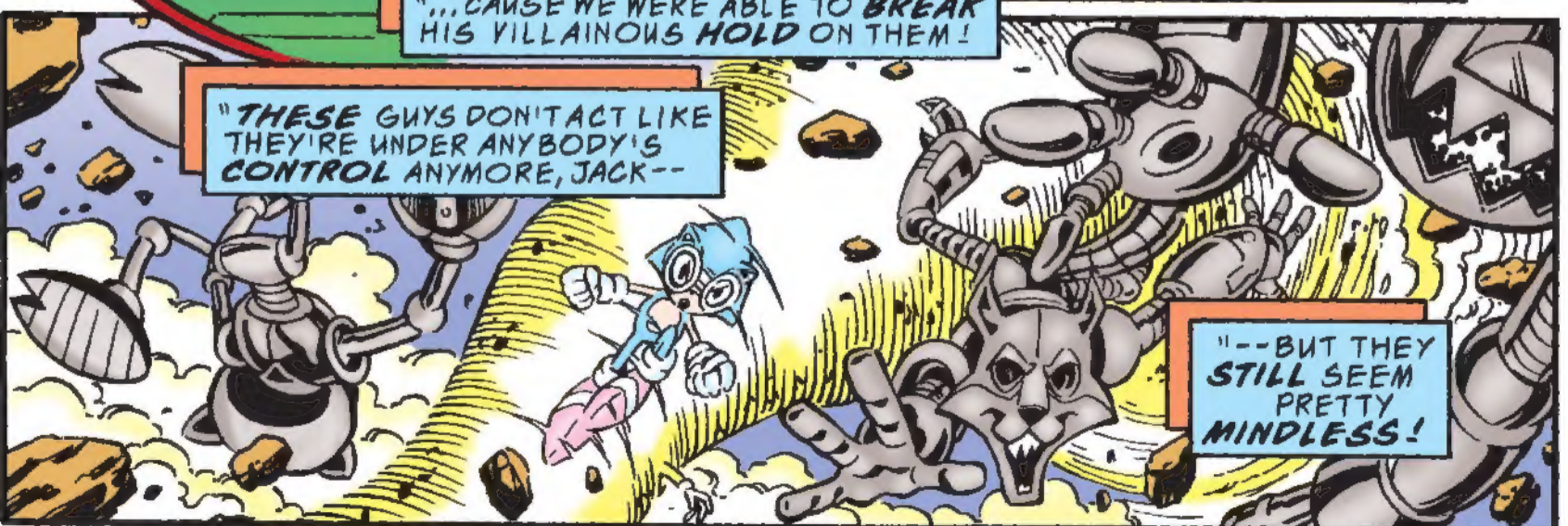
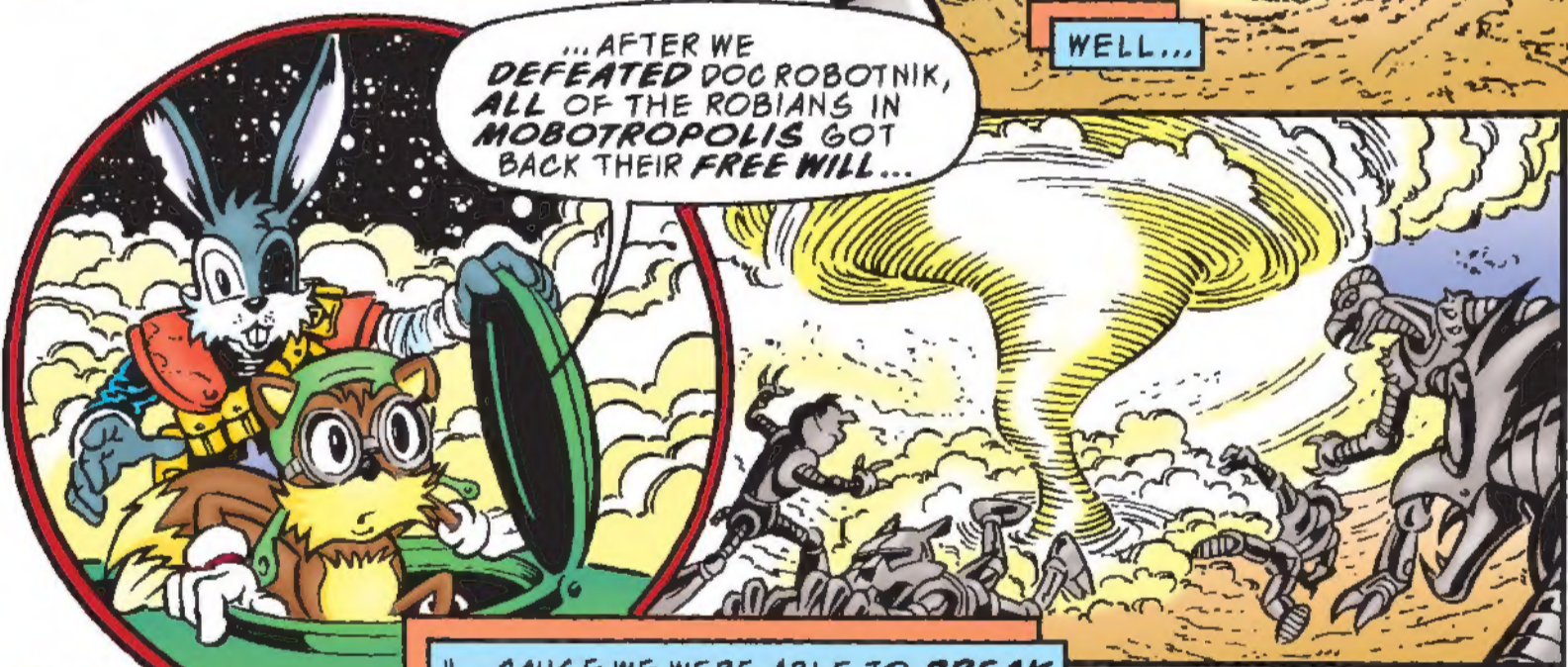
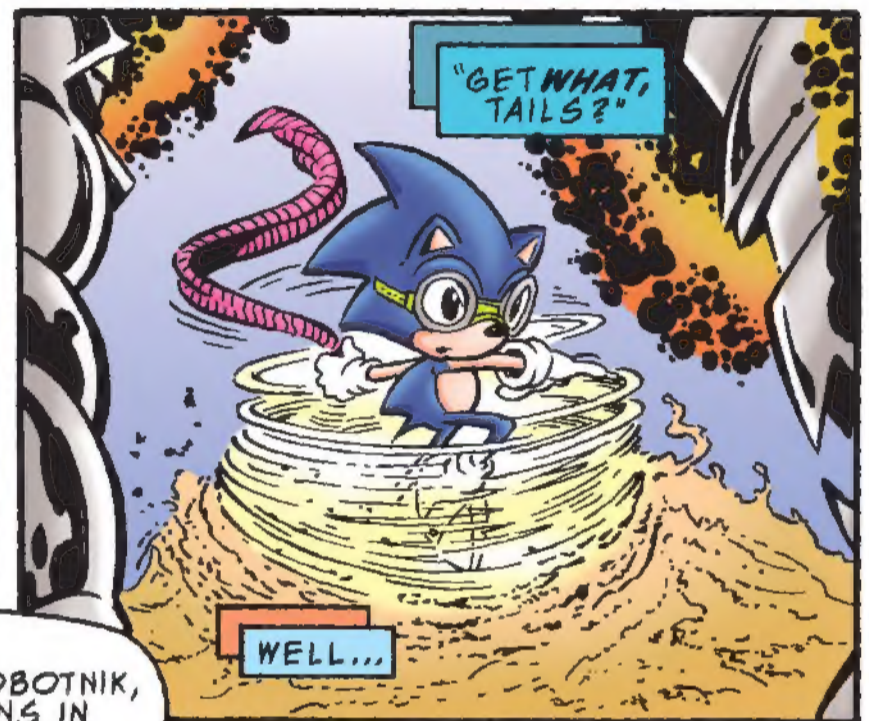
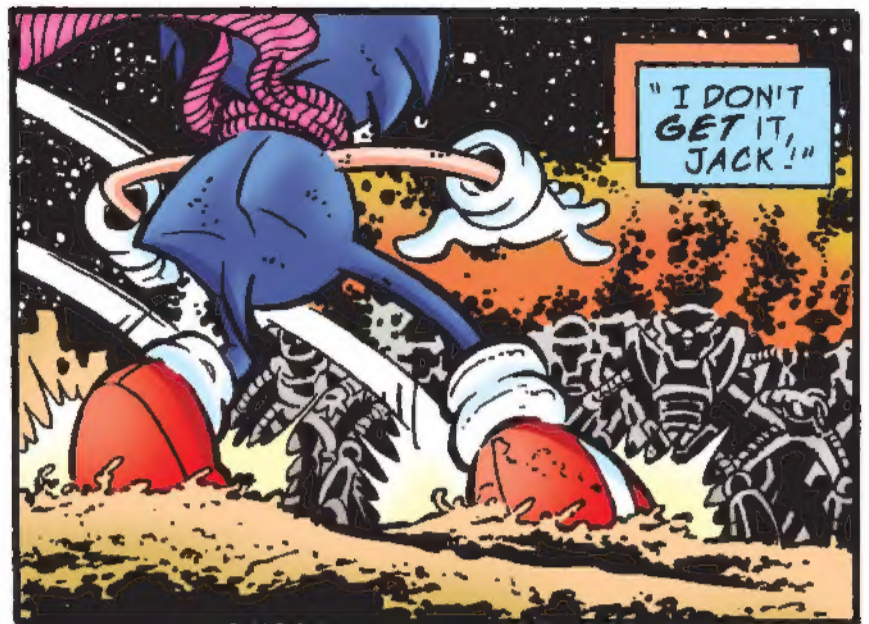
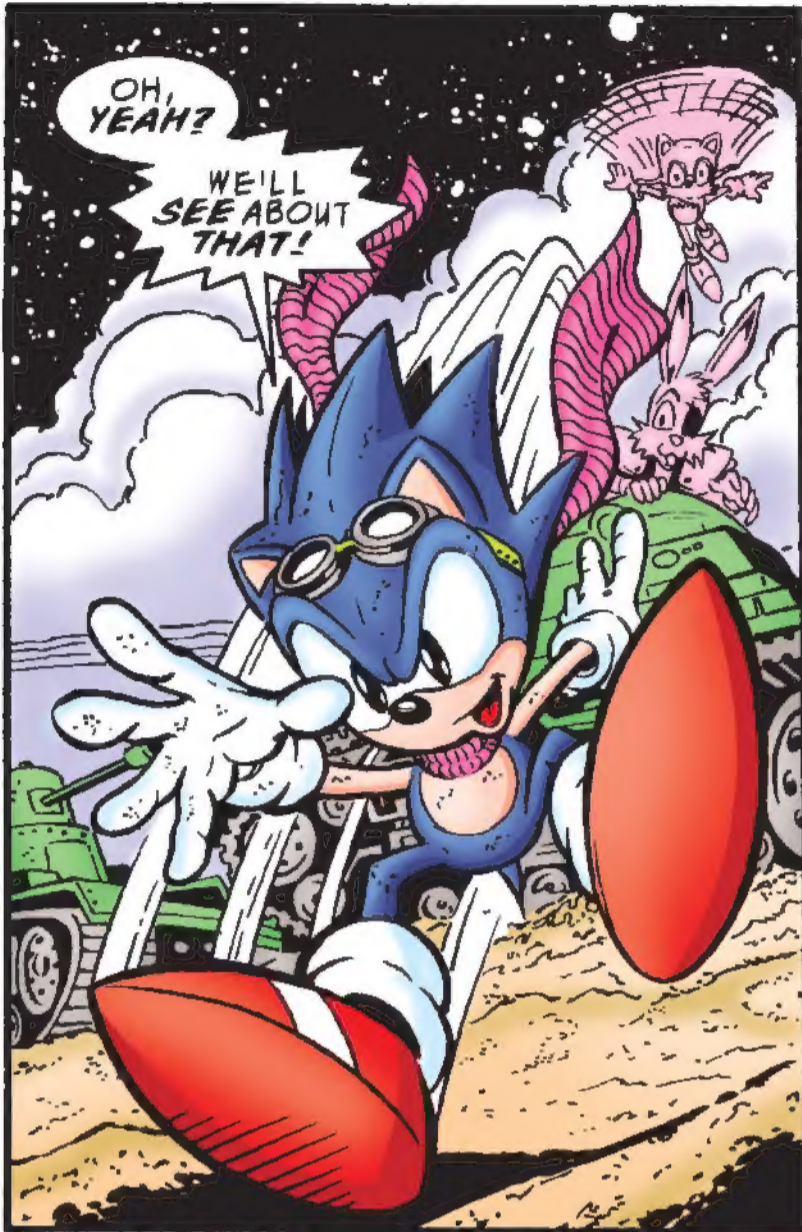


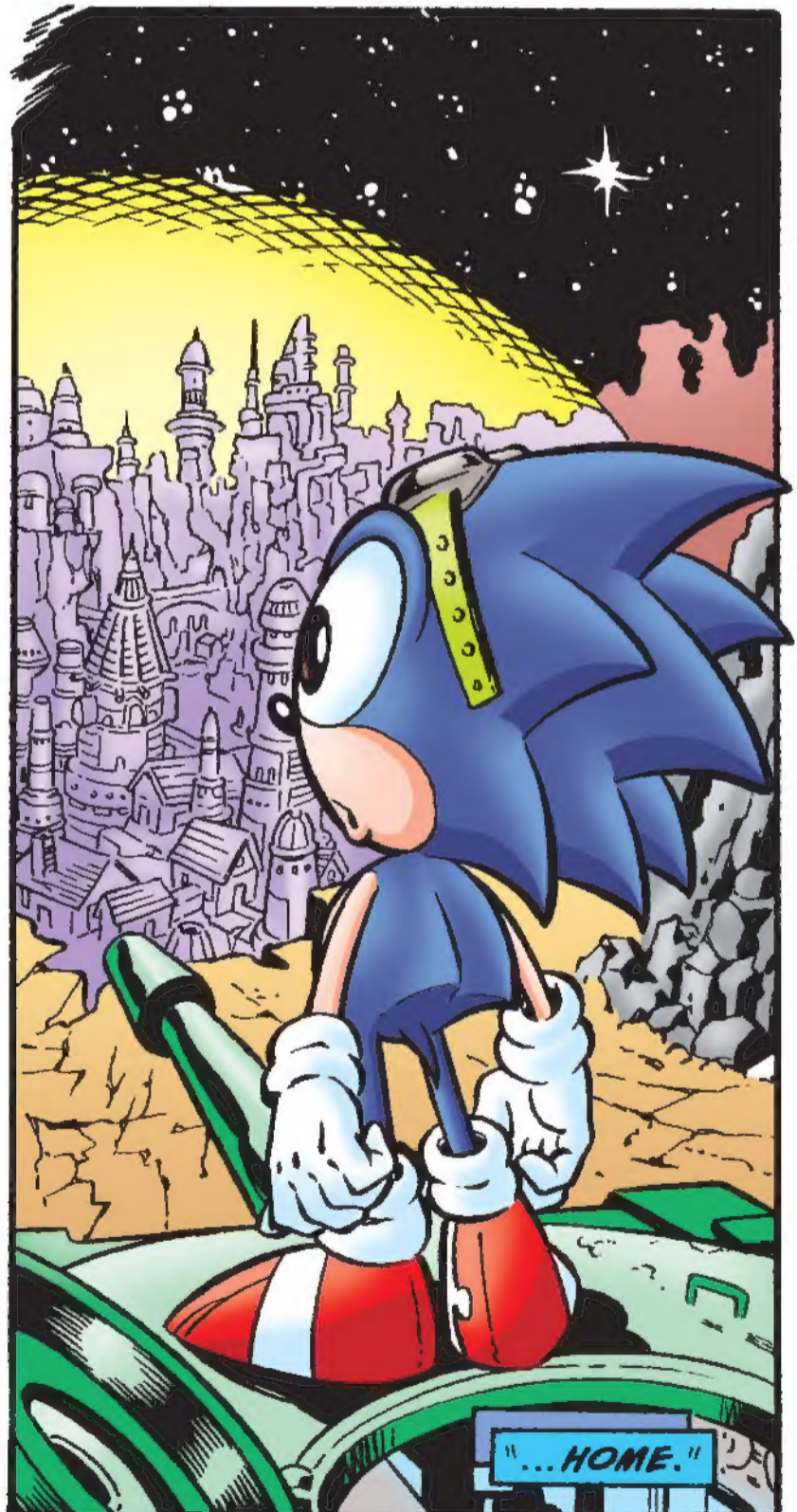
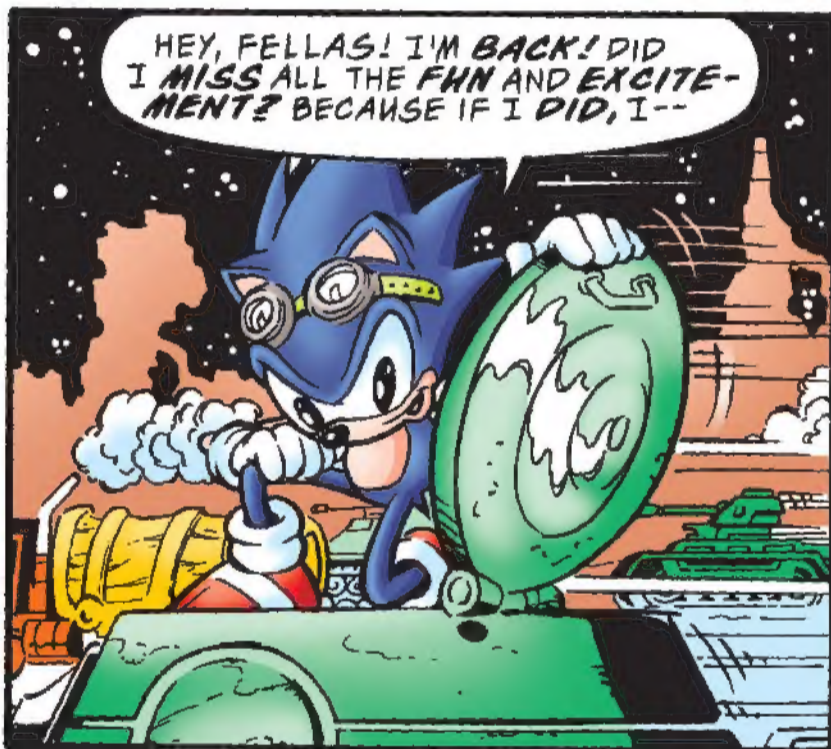
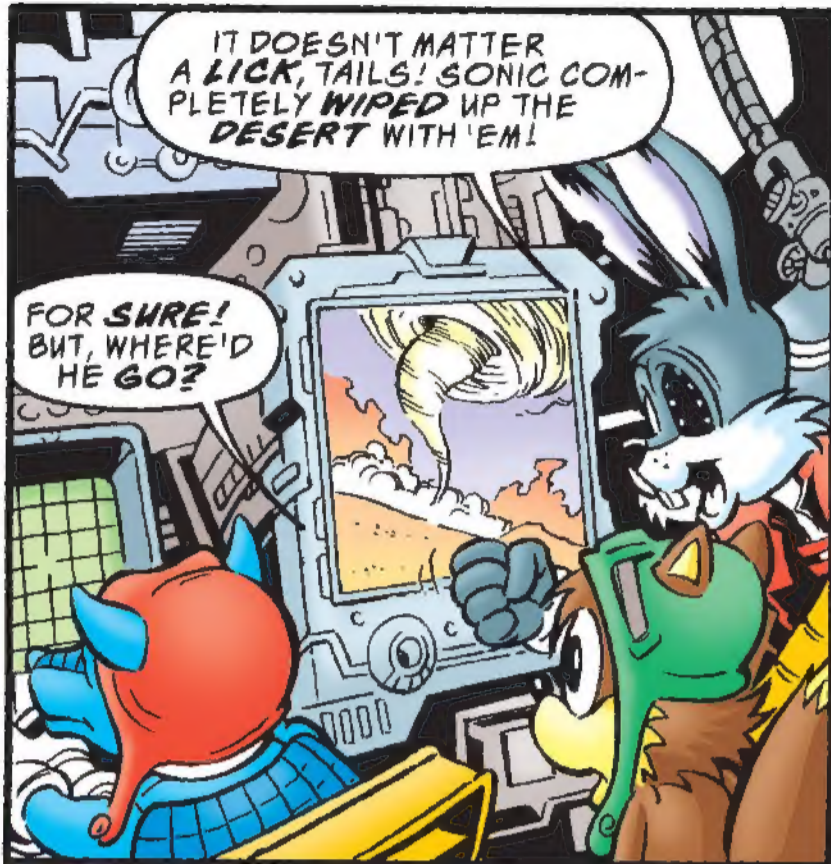
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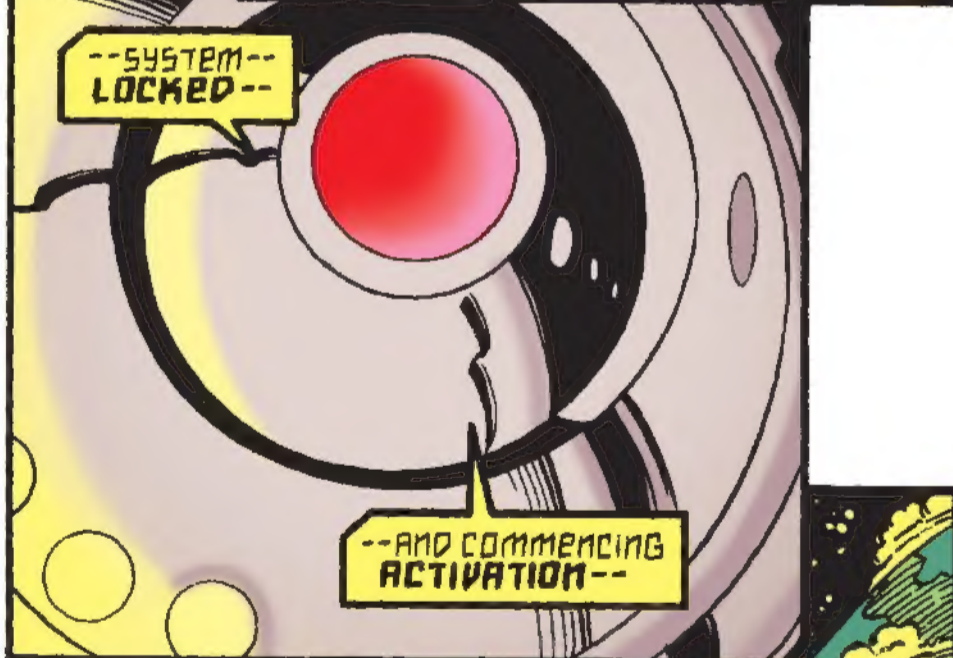
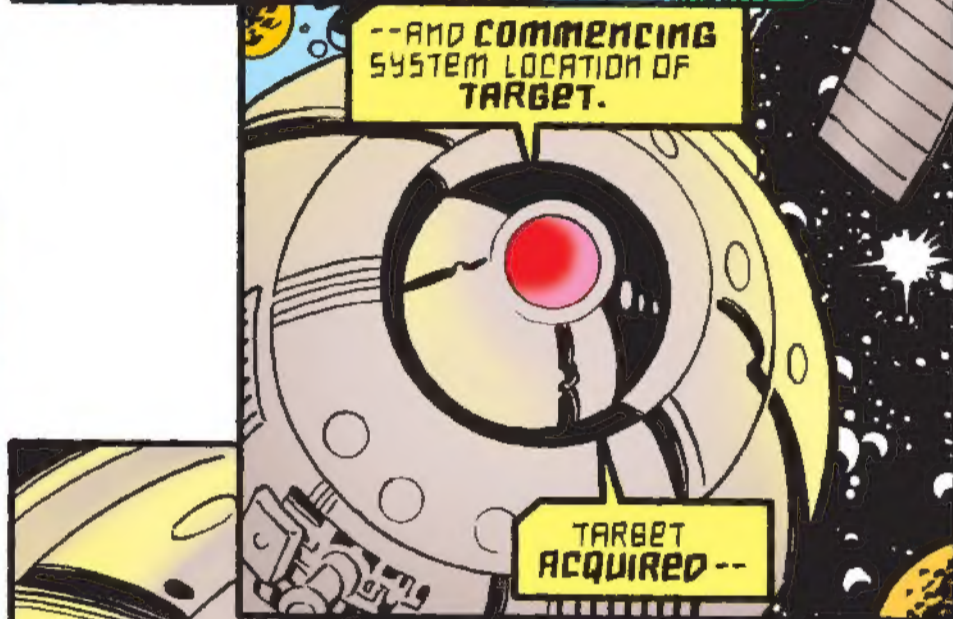
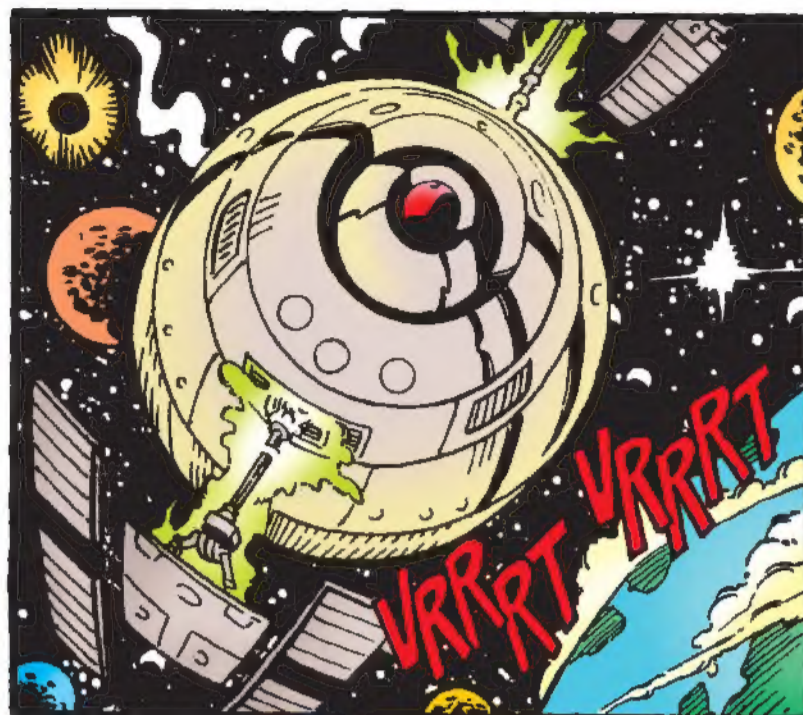
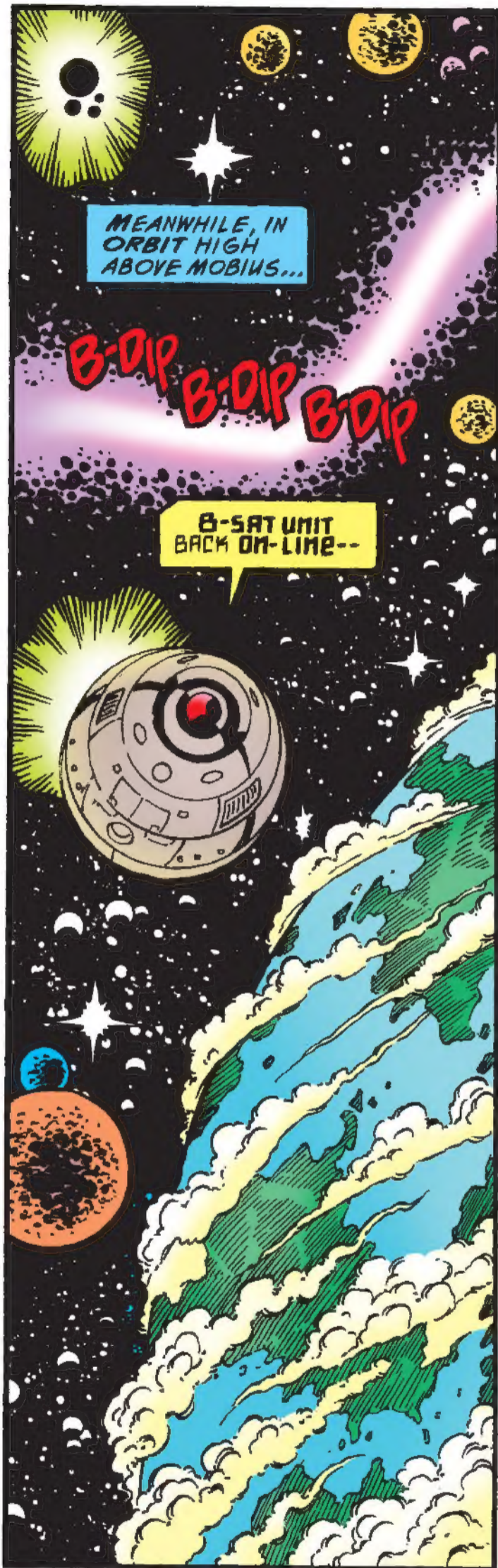
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VEER RIGHT, TEAM! THEY'RE
TRYIN' TO RE-ROUTE US WITH
THEIR OPTI-BURSTS!



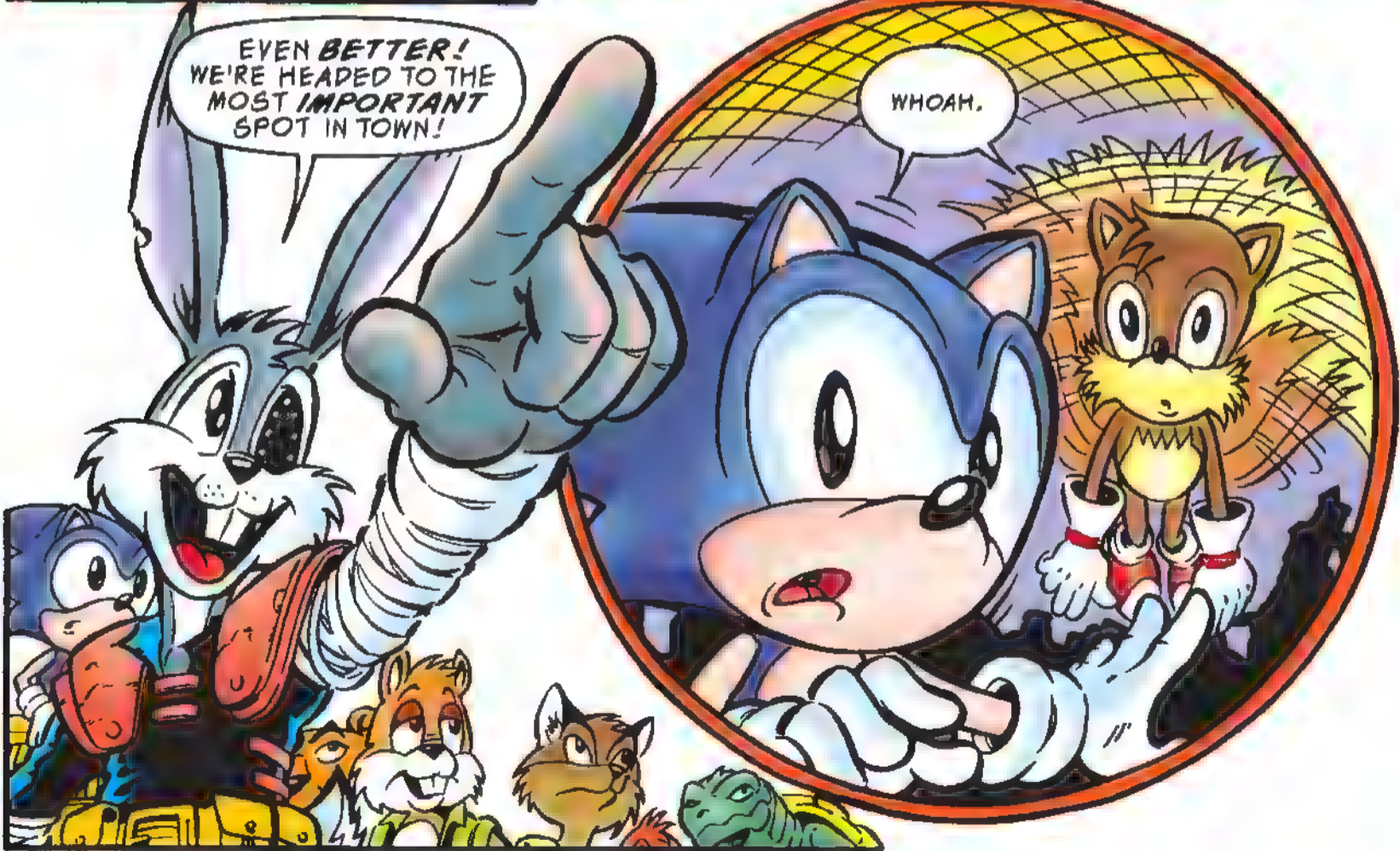
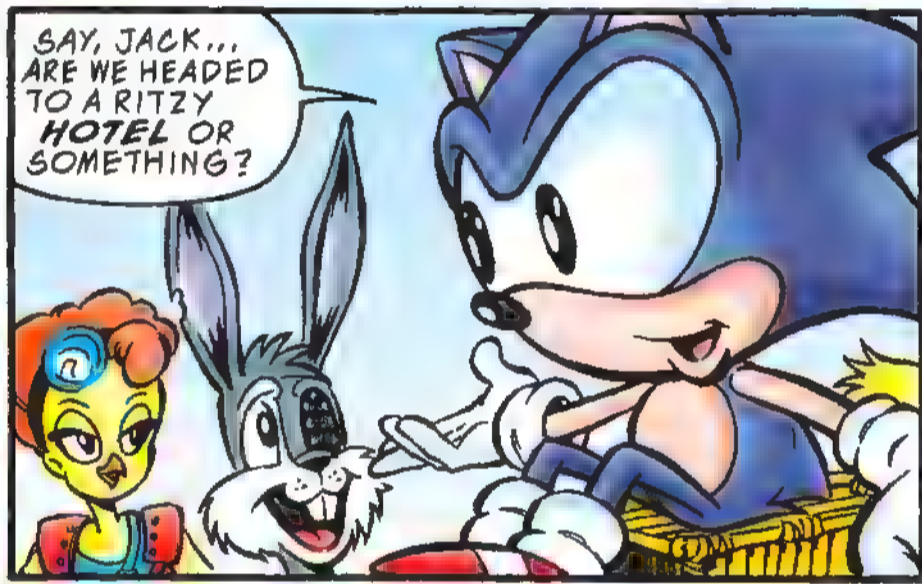
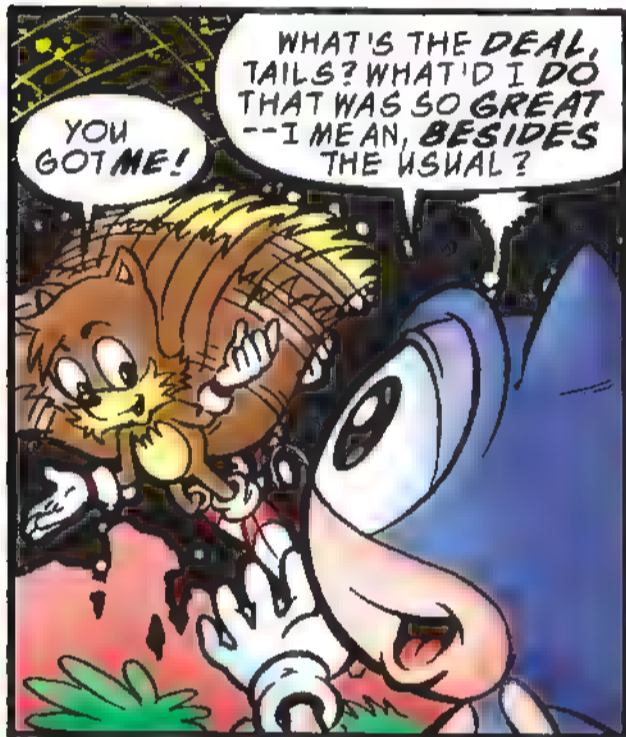
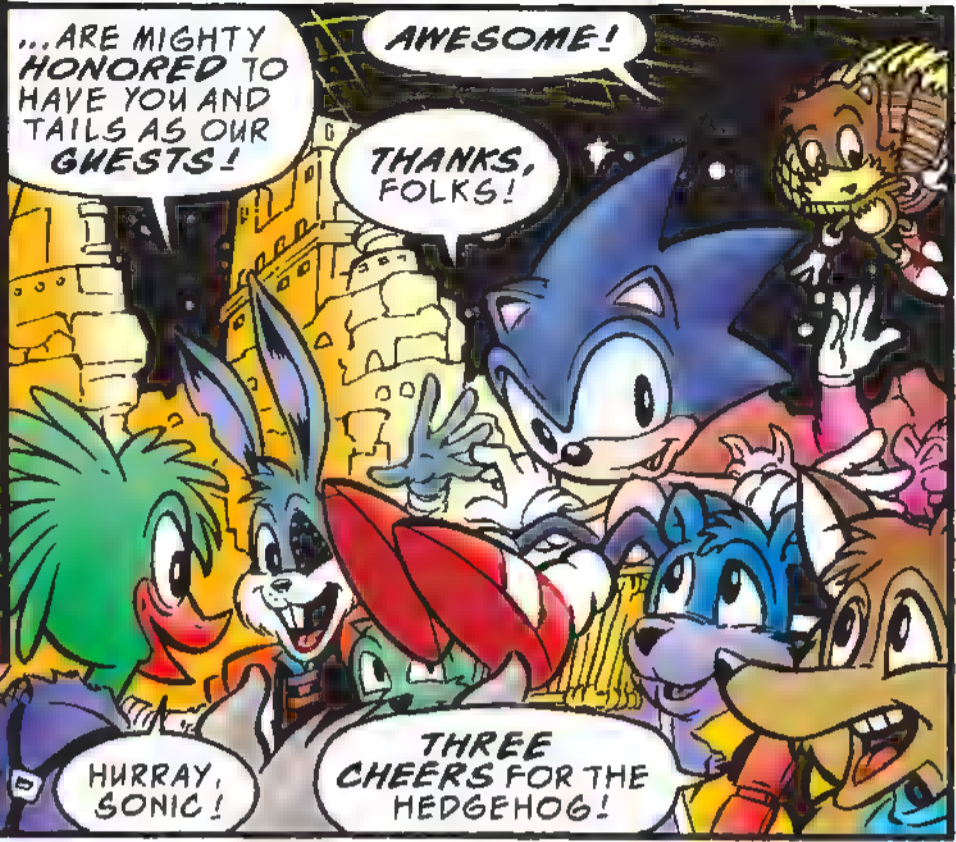


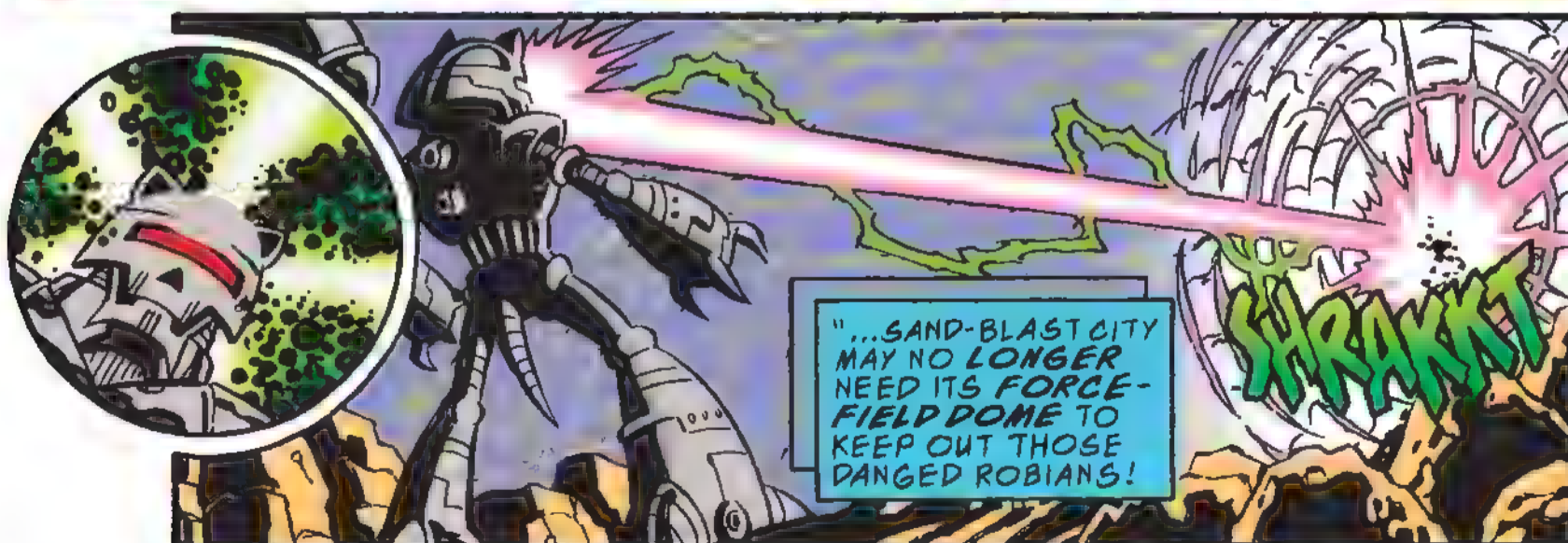
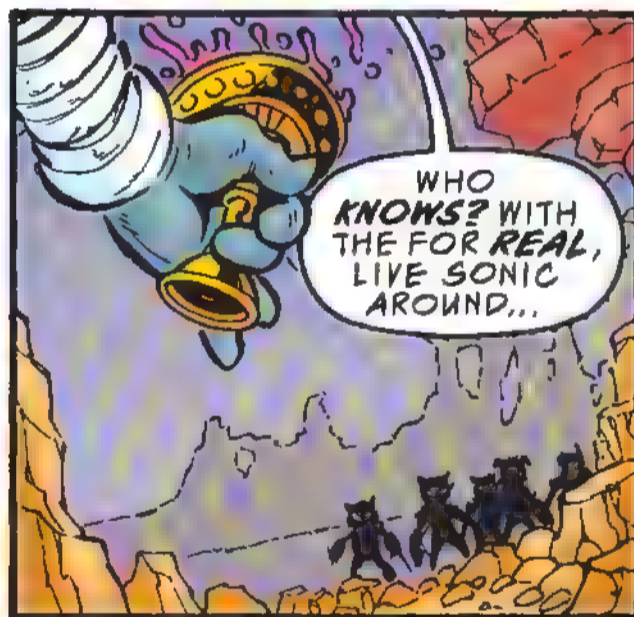
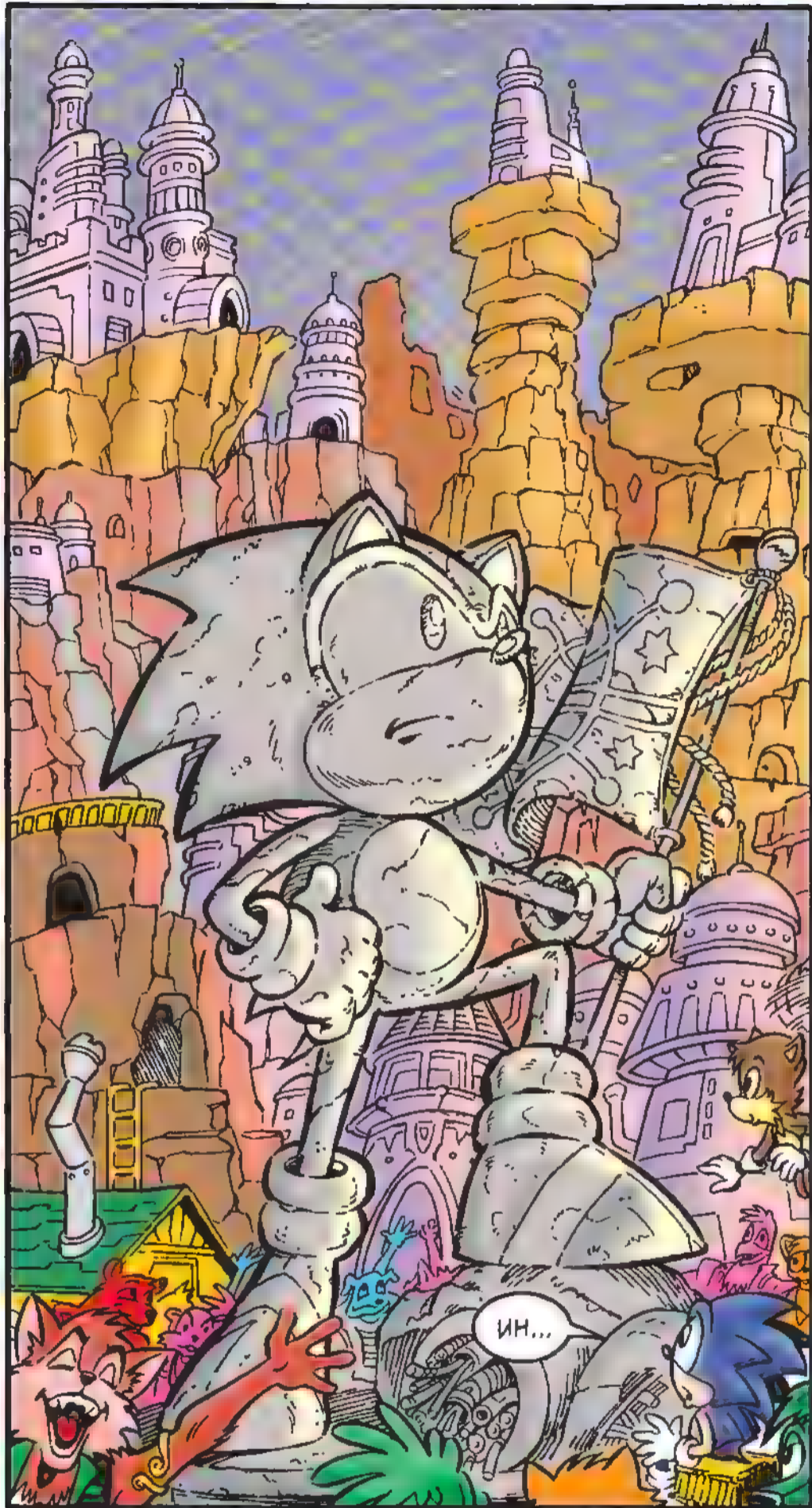


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SAND-BLAST
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CHAPTER 2





THE DEVIL'S
GULAG...

AND AFTER I
ERECT A **STATHE**
OF **MYSELF** AT THE
CENTER OF
MOBOTROPOLIS...

...I AM GOING
TO HAVE THAT **BOORISH**
BLUE HEDGEHOG TARRED,
FEATHERED...

...AND
THEN TARRED
AGAIN!

SURE, SURE,
SURE...

...I SAY, IF YOU WERE
REALLY GONNA BUST OUTTA
HERE, SNIVELY...

...YOU WOULD
ALREADY DONE IT!
GO **AHEAD!** MAKE A
BREAK FOR IT-- I
DARES YA!

YEAH! WE **ALL** DARE YA!
COME ON, SMARTY-SHIRT!

I **TRIPLE-**
DARE THE
EGGHEAD!

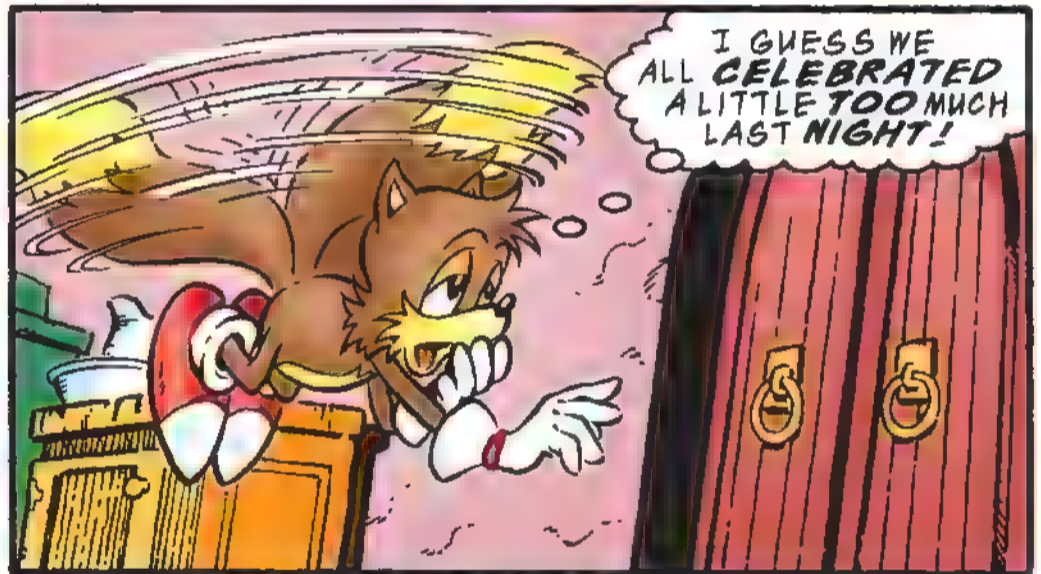
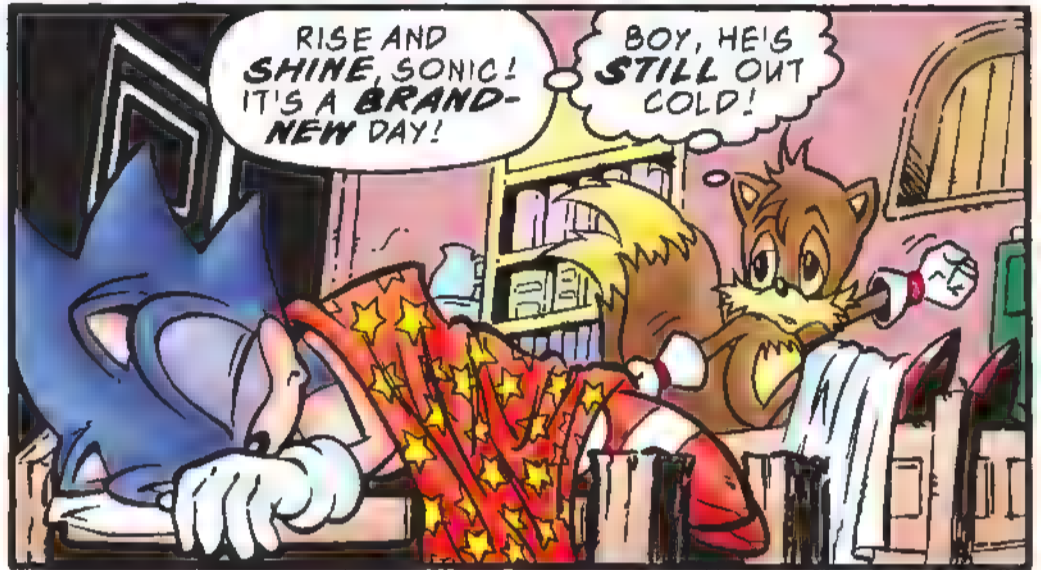
I **DOUBLE-**
DARE 'IM!

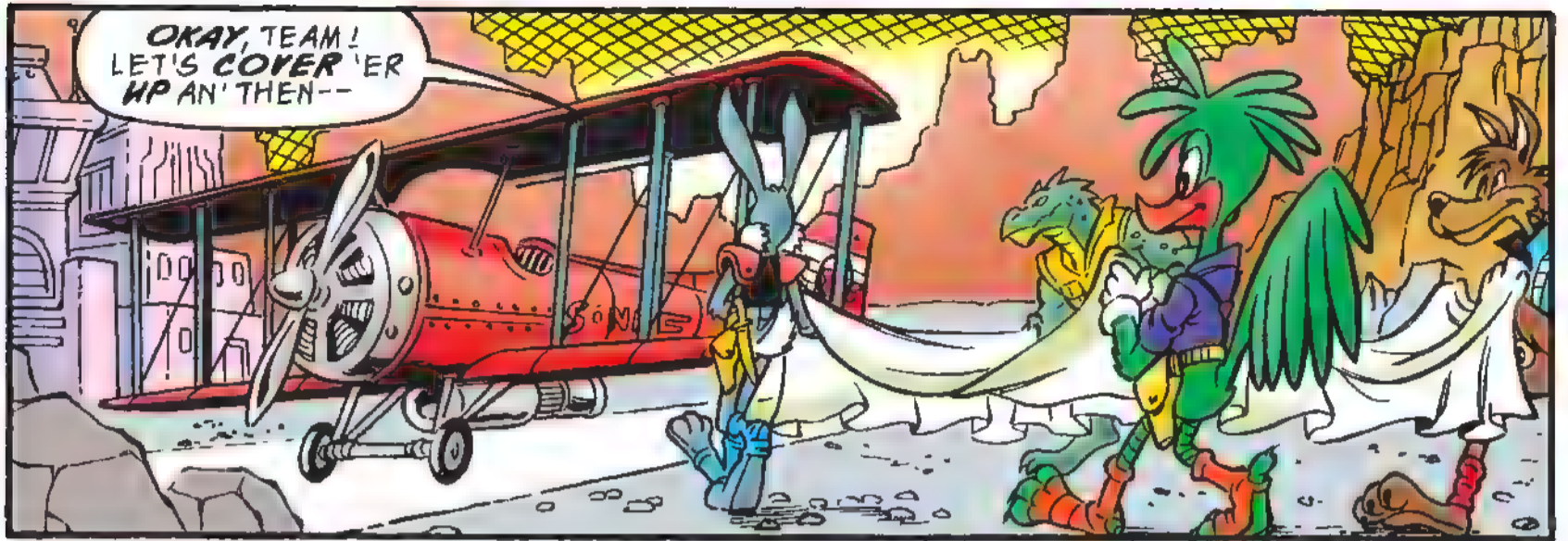
Gulp=

BZZZ KLAKT

WHUH--?

HE DID IT! HE ACTUALLY DID
IT! WE'RE **FREE** AT LAST!

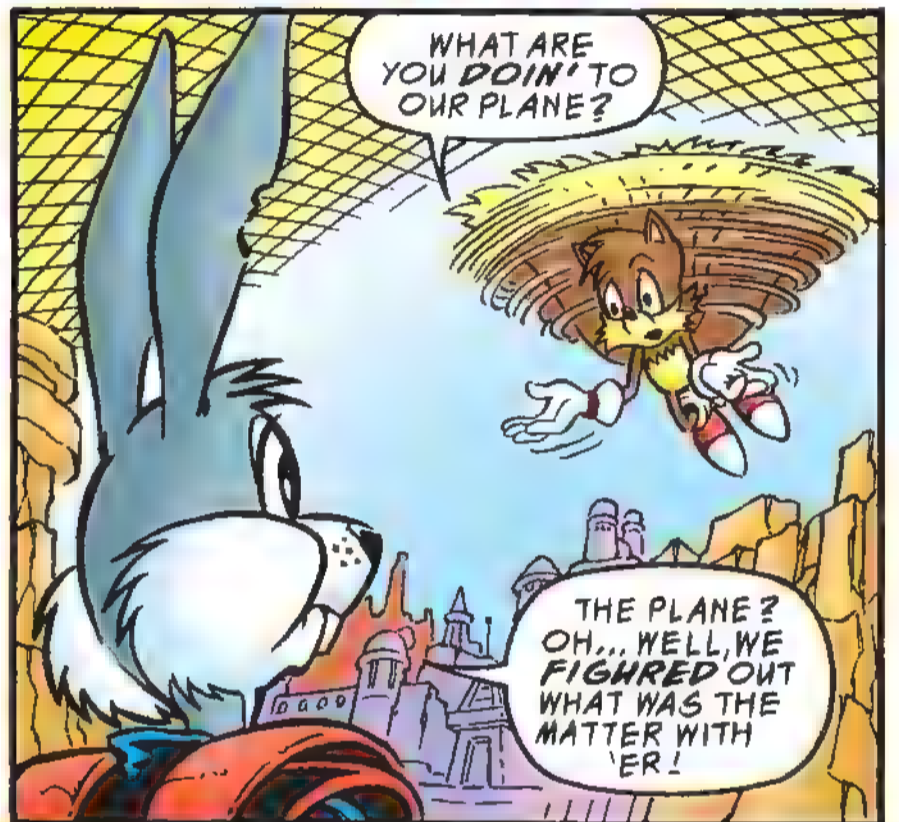




OKAY TEAM!
LET'S COVER 'ER
UP AN' THEN--

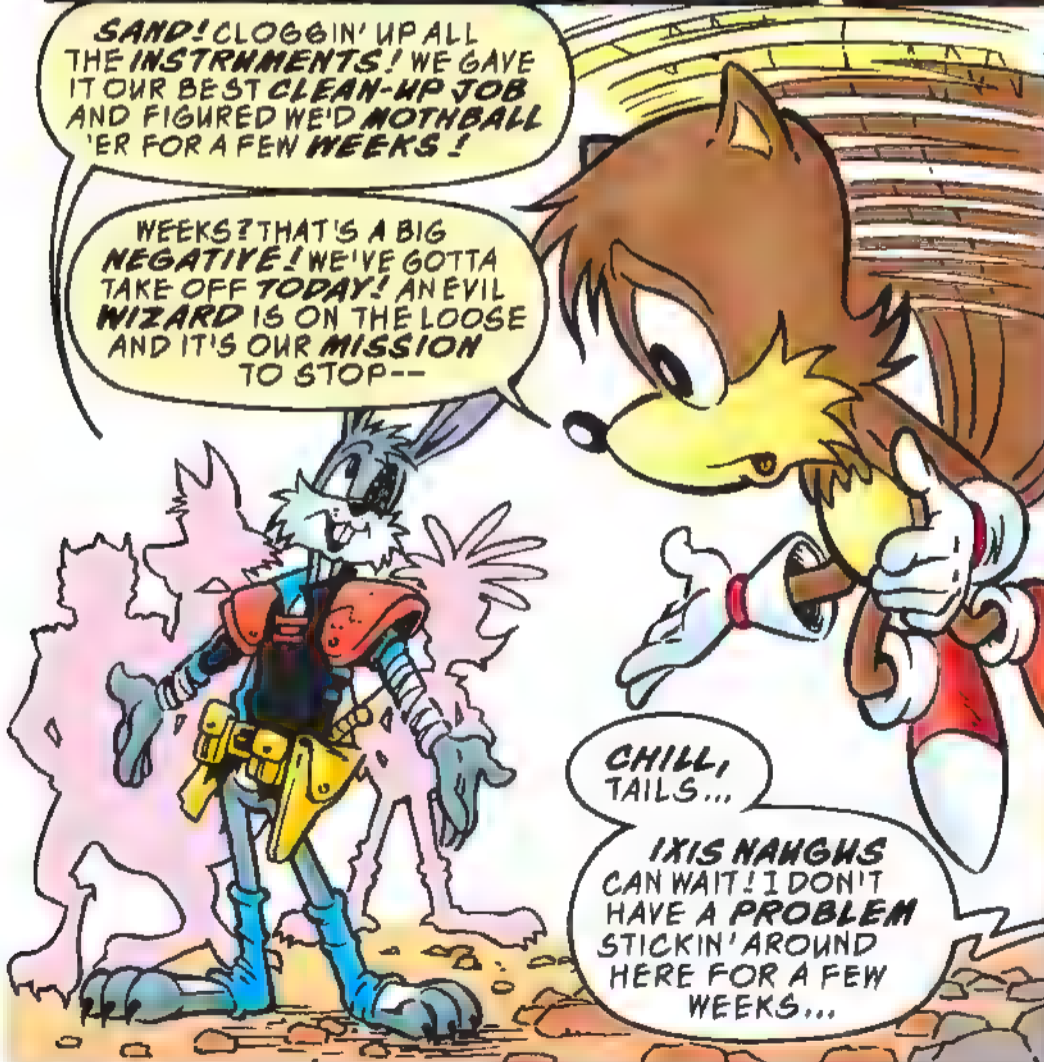


HEY,
JACK!



WHAT ARE
YOU DOIN' TO
OUR PLANE?

THE PLANE?
OH... WELL, WE
FIGURED OUT
WHAT WAS THE
MATTER WITH
'ER!



SAND! CLOGGIN' UP ALL
THE INSTRUMENTS! WE GAVE
IT OUR BEST CLEAN-UP JOB
AND FIGURED WE'D NOTHBALL
'ER FOR A FEW WEEKS!

WEEKS? THAT'S A BIG
NEGATIVE! WE'VE GOTTA
TAKE OFF TODAY! AN EVIL
WIZARD IS ON THE LOOSE
AND IT'S OUR MISSION
TO STOP--

CHILL,
TAILS...

IXIS NAUGHS
CAN WAIT! I DON'T
HAVE A PROBLEM
STICKIN' AROUND
HERE FOR A FEW
WEEKS...



...AFTER ALL,
IXIS IS STILL
GONNA BE ON
THE LOOSE
WHEN WE LEAVE,
SO TELL ME...



"...WHAT'S THE PROBLEMO?"

TO BE CONTINUED!



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Tales of the Freedom Fighters

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GEOFFREY ST. JOHN

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

PART 2

AN INTRUDER'S HERE!

AS HE'S ABOUT TO ENTER HIS CUBICLE LOCATED INSIDE THE ARMORY, GEOFFREY ST. JOHN SENSES...

IMAGINE THAT!

SOMEONE ACTUALLY CHEEKY ENOUGH TO THINK HE CAN BAG ME HERE!

KCHAK!

PING PING PING

NO, BOMB! WAIT!

WHAT TH--?!

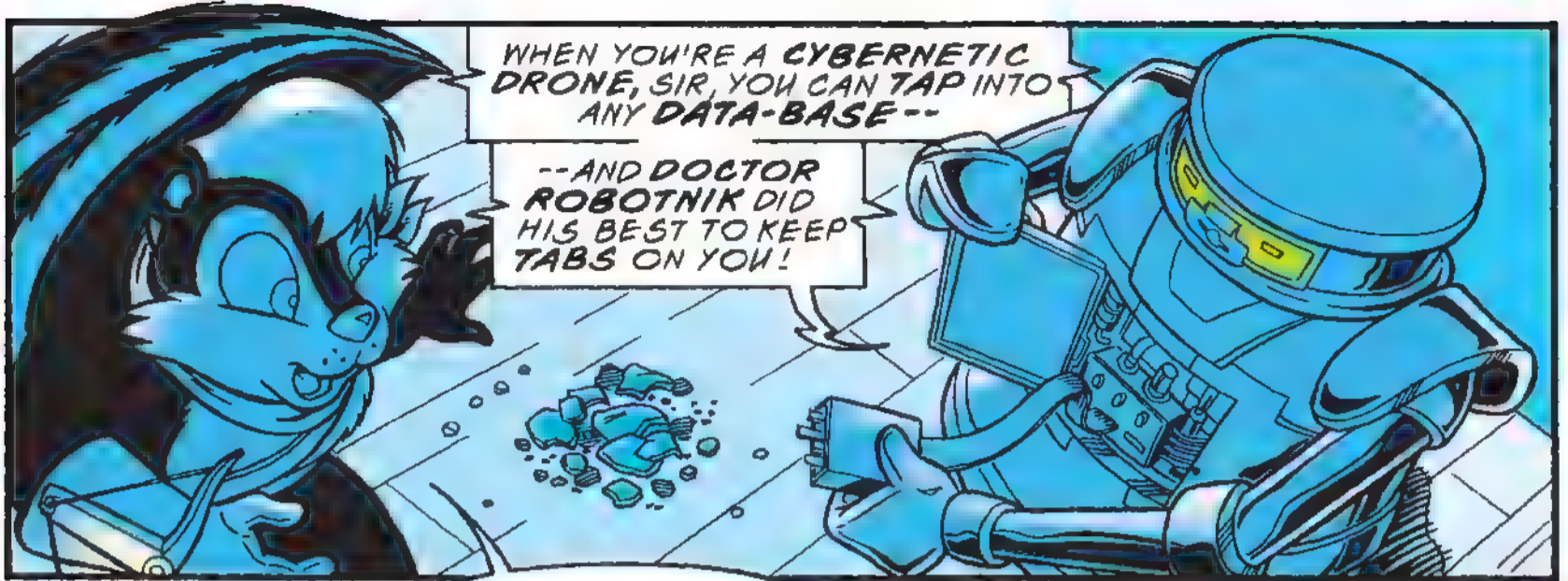
KA-BOOM

WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU, MATE?

DON'T SHOOT, COMMANDER! DON'T SHOOT!

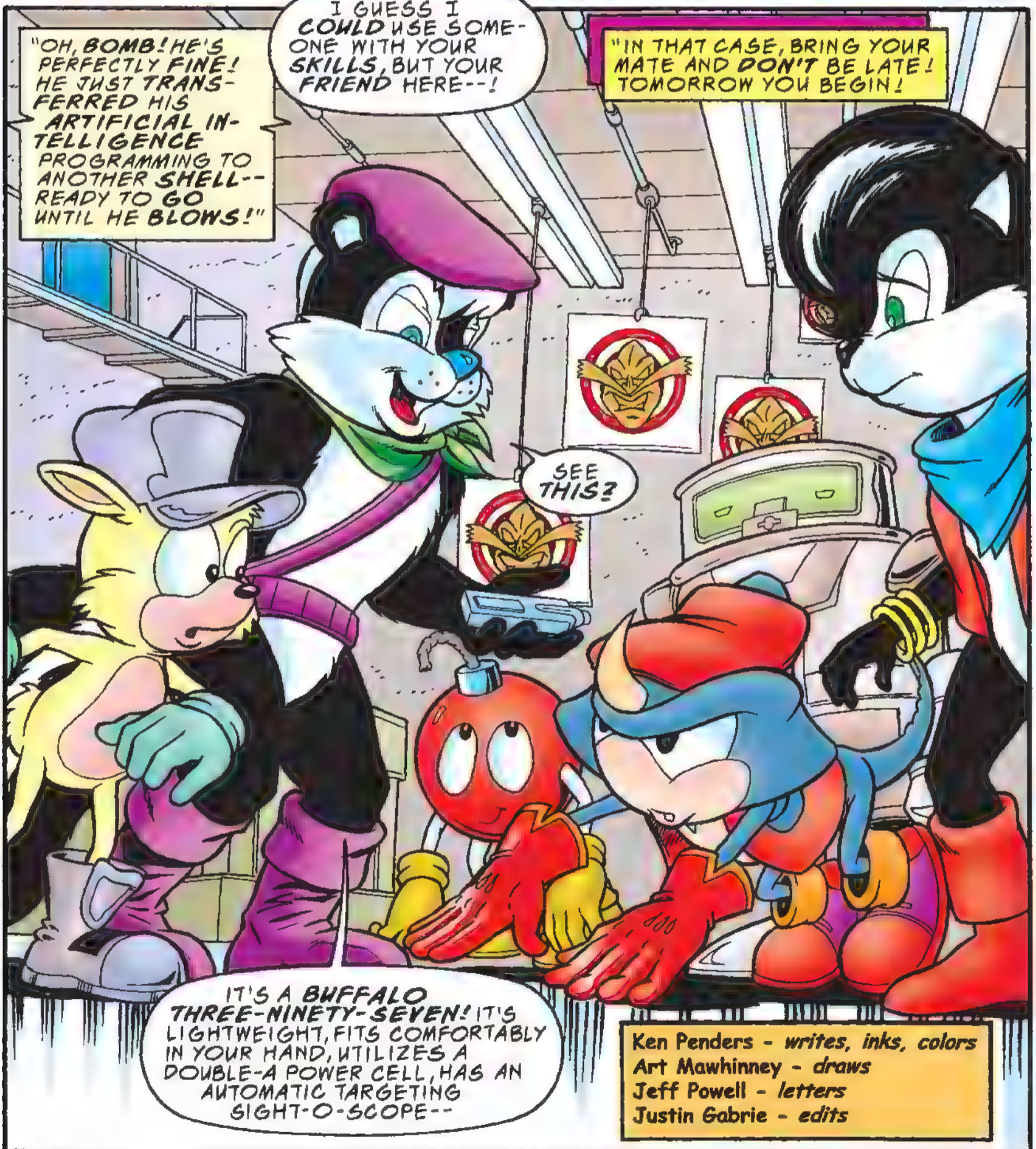
THE NAME'S HEAVY, SIR! BOMB AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOME PLACE TO FIT IN--AND YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!

ME?



WHEN YOU'RE A CYBERNETIC DRONE, SIR, YOU CAN TAP INTO ANY DATA-BASE--

--AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK DID HIS BEST TO KEEP TABS ON YOU!



"OH, BOMB! HE'S PERFECTLY FINE! HE JUST TRANSFERRED HIS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMMING TO ANOTHER SHELL-- READY TO GO UNTIL HE BLOWS!"

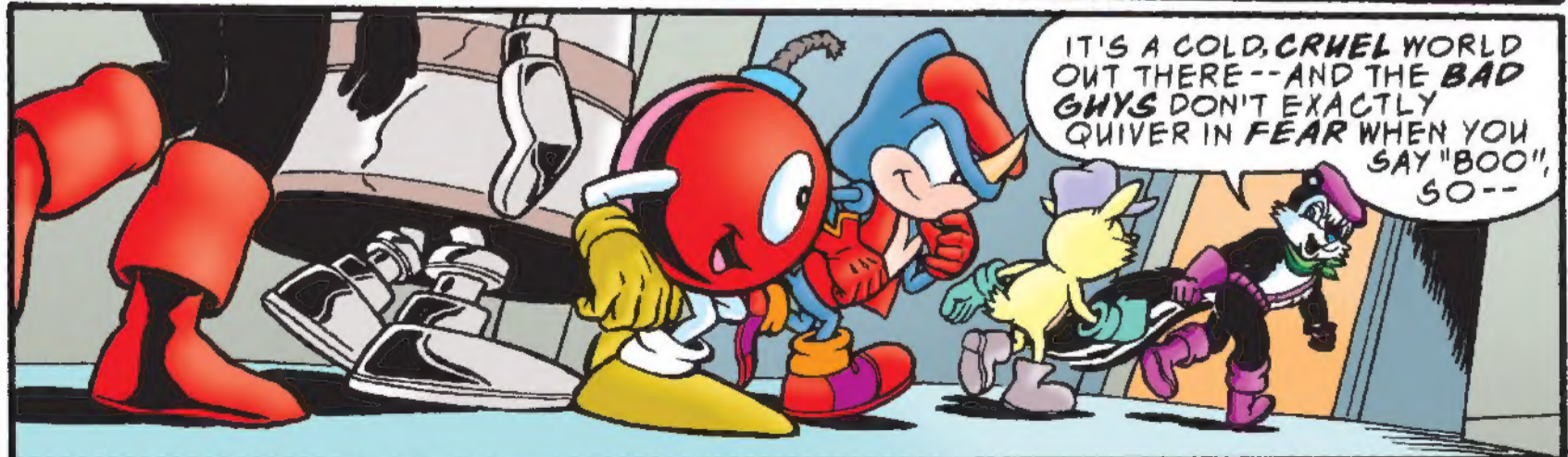
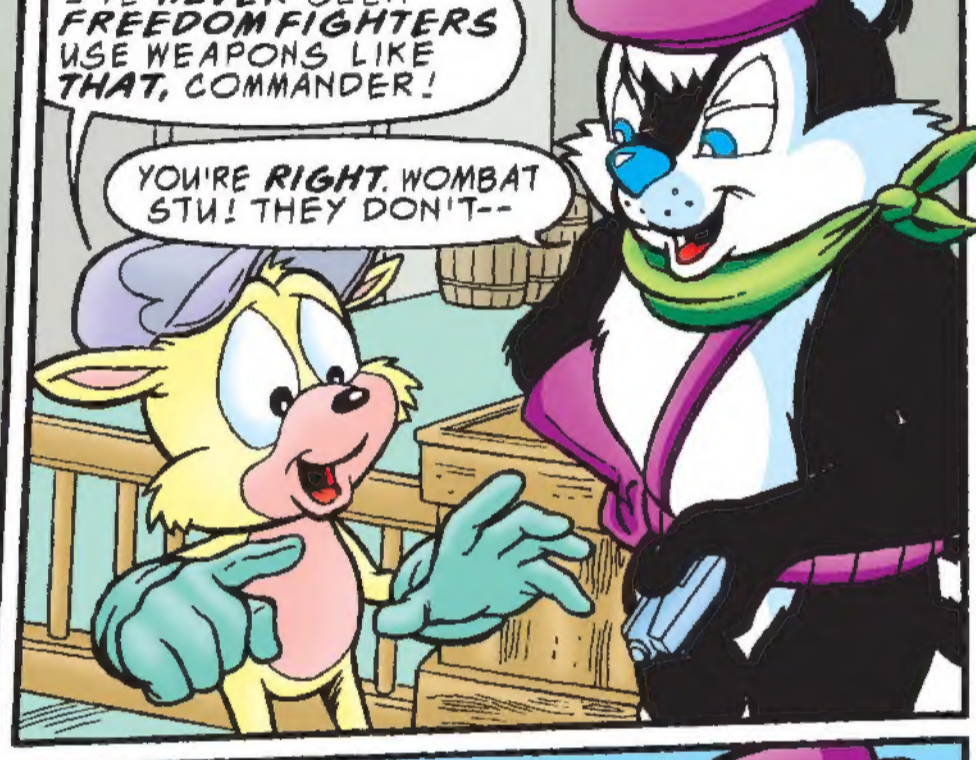
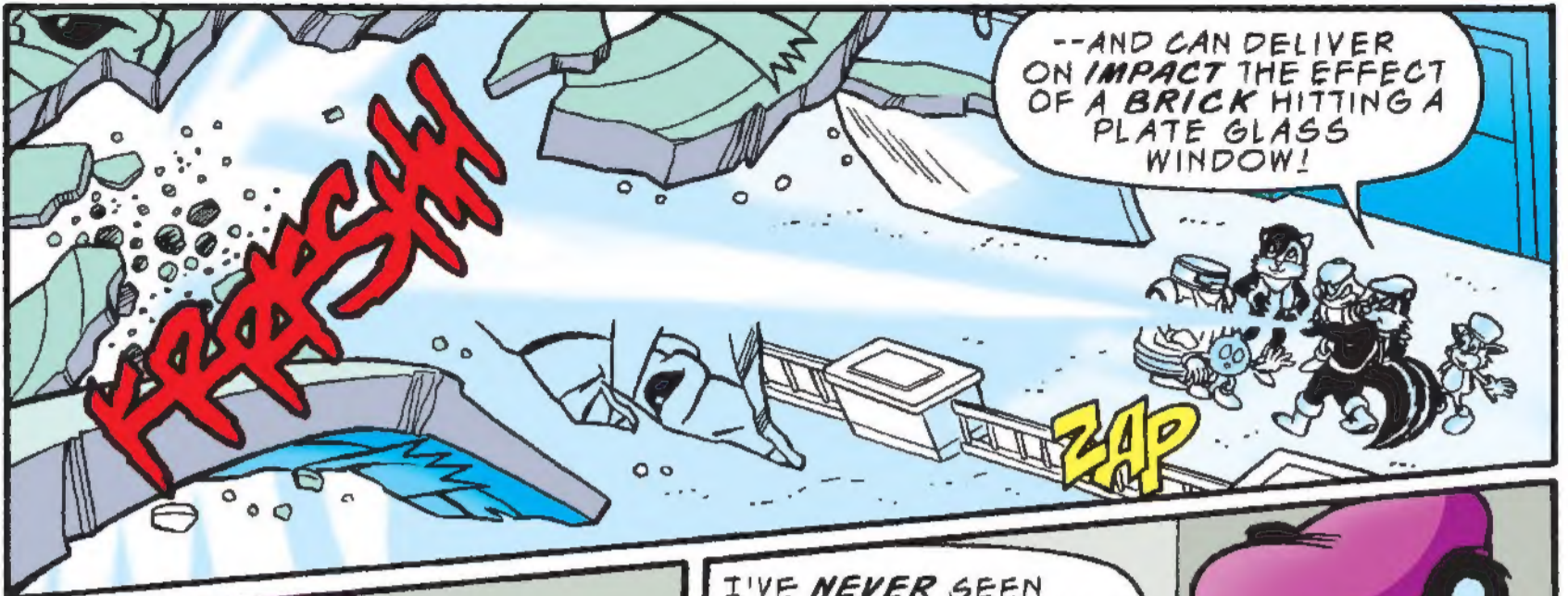
I GUESS I COULD USE SOMEONE WITH YOUR SKILLS, BUT YOUR FRIEND HERE--!

"IN THAT CASE, BRING YOUR MATE AND DON'T BE LATE! TOMORROW YOU BEGIN!"

SEE THIS?

IT'S A BUFFALO THREE-NINETY-SEVEN! IT'S LIGHTWEIGHT, FITS COMFORTABLY IN YOUR HAND, UTILIZES A DOUBLE-A POWER CELL, HAS AN AUTOMATIC TARGETING SIGHT-O-SCOPE--

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--YOU'RE GOING TO TRAIN IN *EVERY* METHOD OF ARMED AND UNARMED COMBAT!

THIS IS *NECESSARY* PREPARATION NOT ONLY IN PREPARING YOU TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY-- BUT ENSURE YOUR *SHR*-VIVAL AS WELL!

WE'LL *START* WITH YOU, *HERSHEY*!



INTO THE DRINK YOU GO, GIRL!

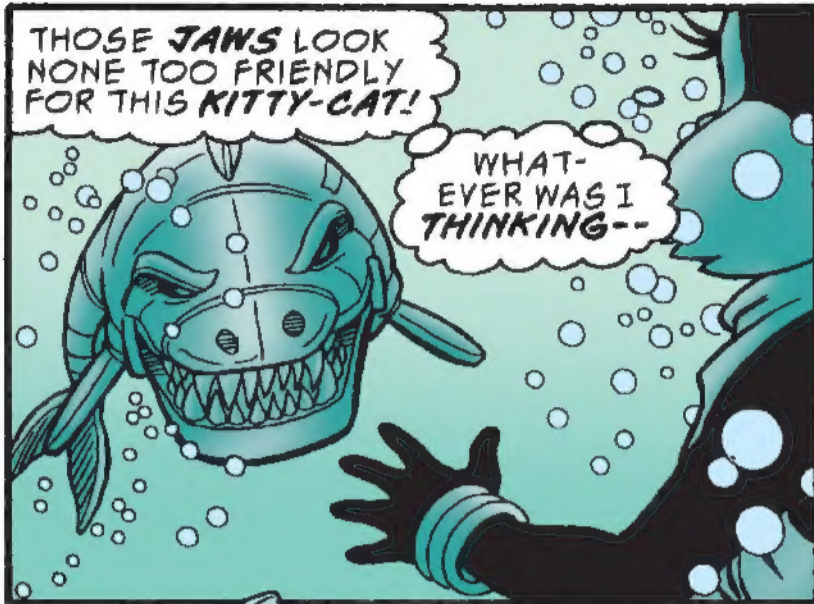
SWING

WAIT!

NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT *WATER*!

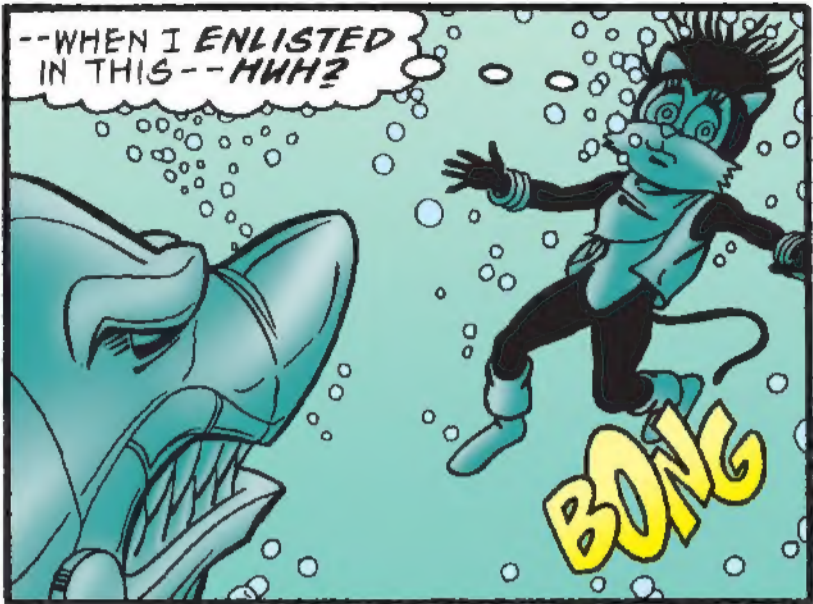
UH-OH!

SPLASH



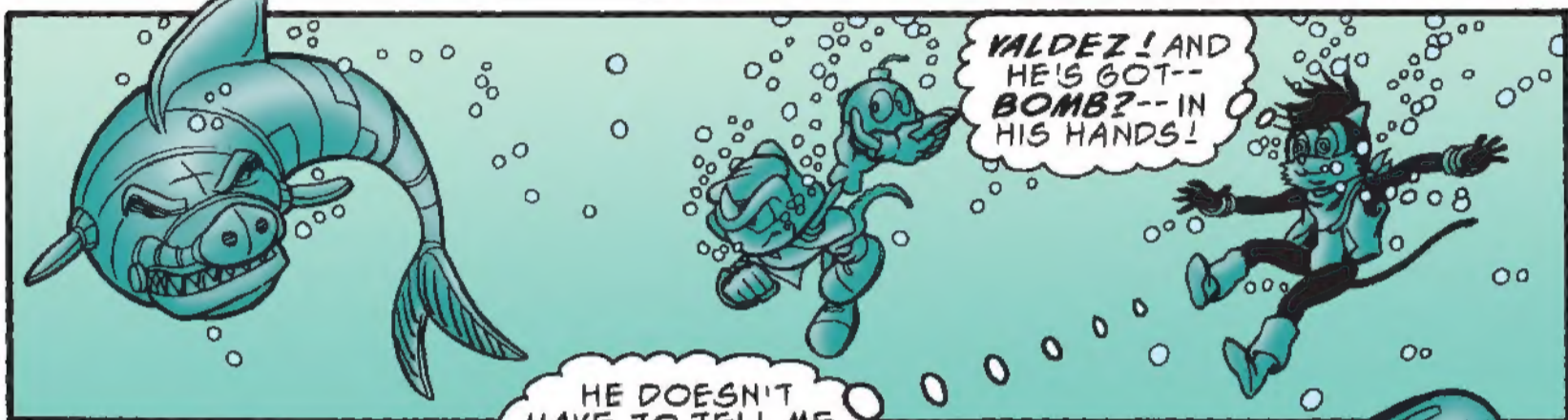
THOSE **JAWS** LOOK NONE TOO FRIENDLY FOR THIS **KITTY-CAT!**

WHAT-EVER WAS I **THINKING--**



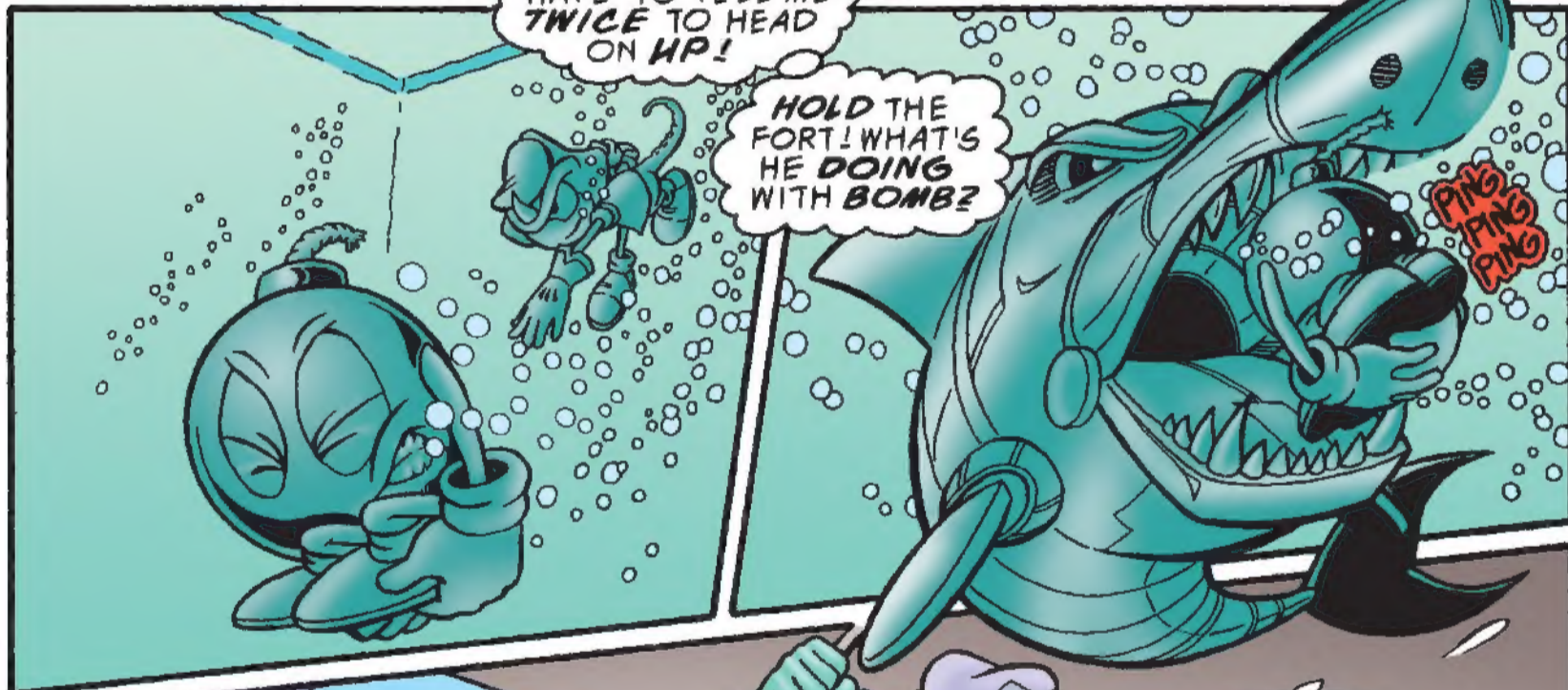
--WHEN I **ENLISTED** IN THIS-- **HWH?**

BONG



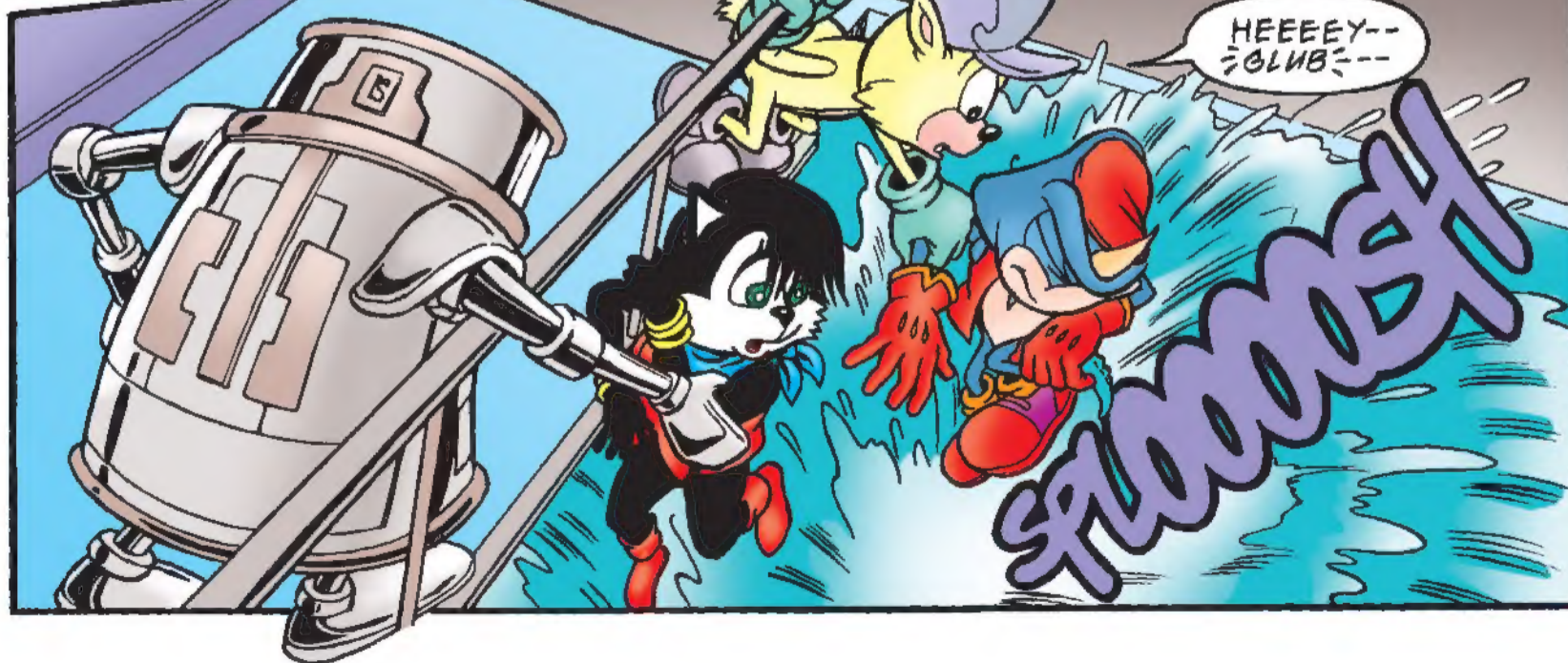
VALDEZ! AND HE'S GOT-- **BOMB?**-- IN HIS HANDS!

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO TELL ME **TWICE** TO HEAD ON **HP!**



HOLD THE FORT! WHAT'S HE DOING WITH **BOMB?**

PING PING PING



HEEEY--
GLUB--

CRASH



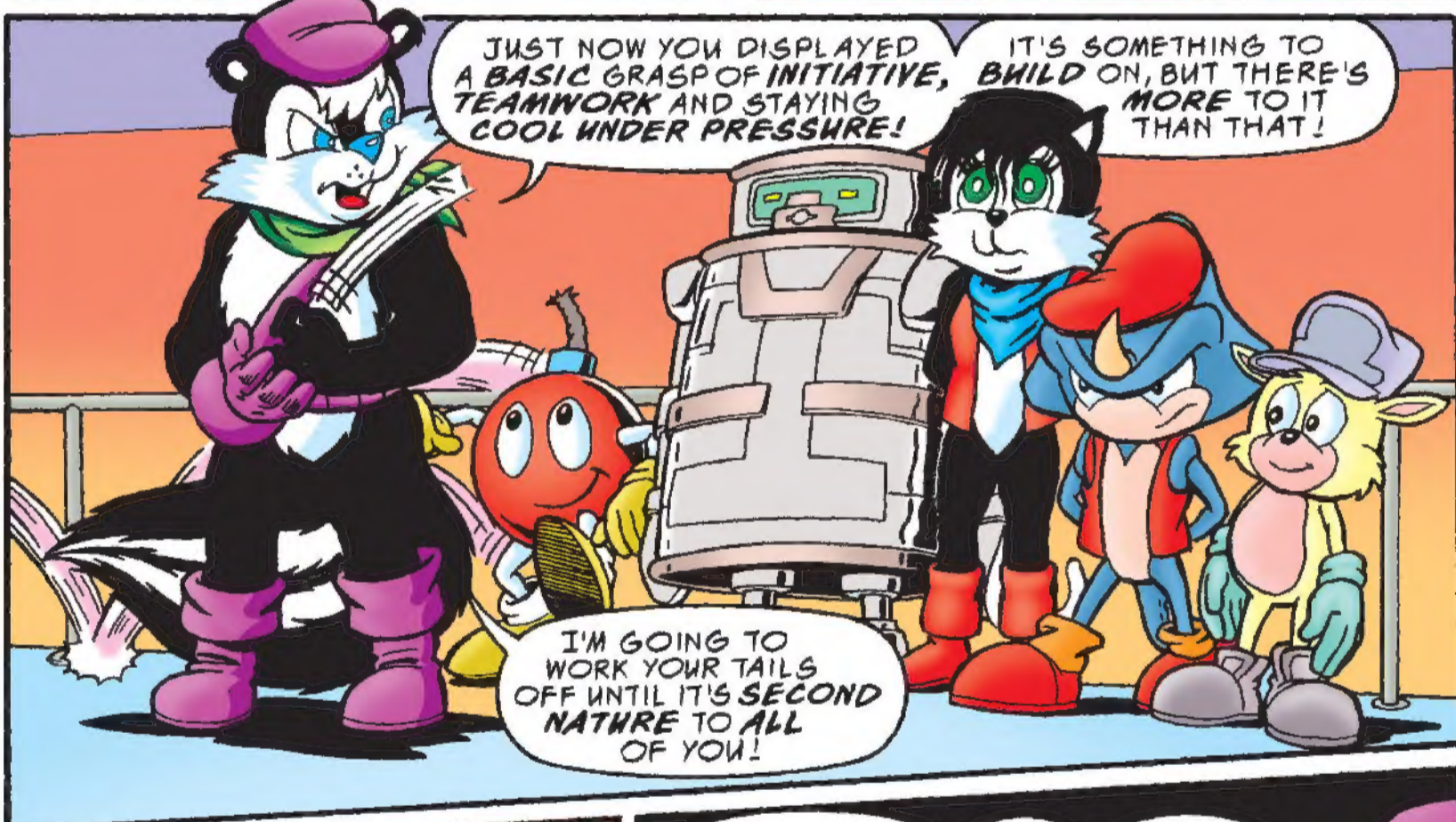
YEEECH! WATER AND ME JUST DON'T MIX!

I'M--NOT MUCH OF A SWIMMER-- EITHER!



THEN YOU'LL LEARN!

WORK ON THAT WHICH YOU'RE WEAK AT WHILE REFINING YOUR STRENGTHS!



JUST NOW YOU DISPLAYED A BASIC GRASP OF INITIATIVE, TEAMWORK AND STAYING COOL UNDER PRESSURE!

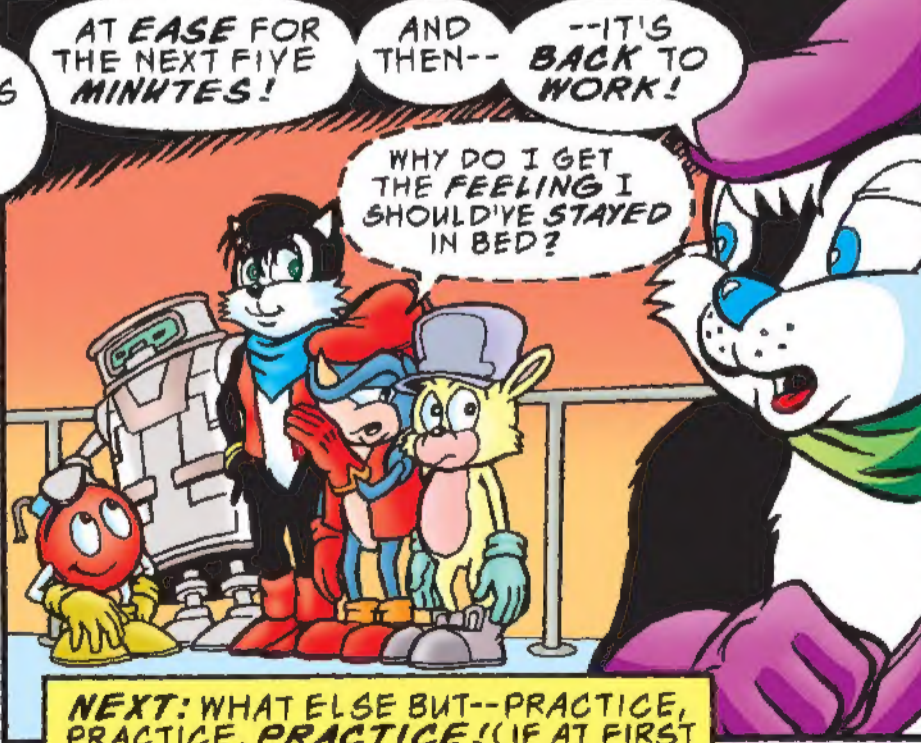
IT'S SOMETHING TO BUILD ON, BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT!

I'M GOING TO WORK YOUR TAILS OFF UNTIL IT'S SECOND NATURE TO ALL OF YOU!



YOU'RE A TEAM NOW! YOU'VE GOT TO THINK AND ACT LIKE ONE!

YOUR WELL-BEING DEPENDS ON THAT ONE SIMPLE CONCEPT!



AT EASE FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES!

AND THEN--

--IT'S BACK TO WORK!

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING I SHOULD'VE STAYED IN BED?

NEXT: WHAT ELSE BUT--PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!(IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED--!)